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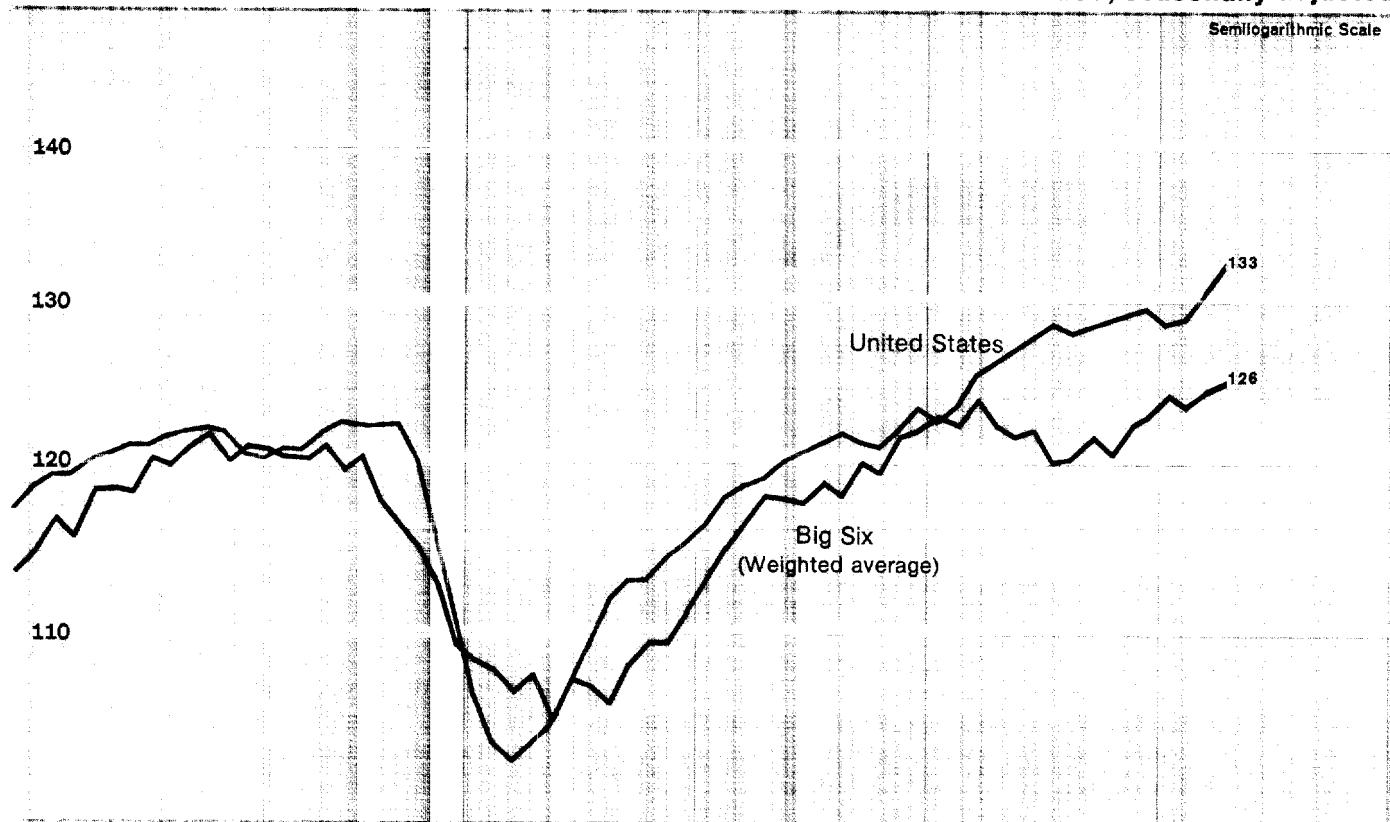
FOREWORD

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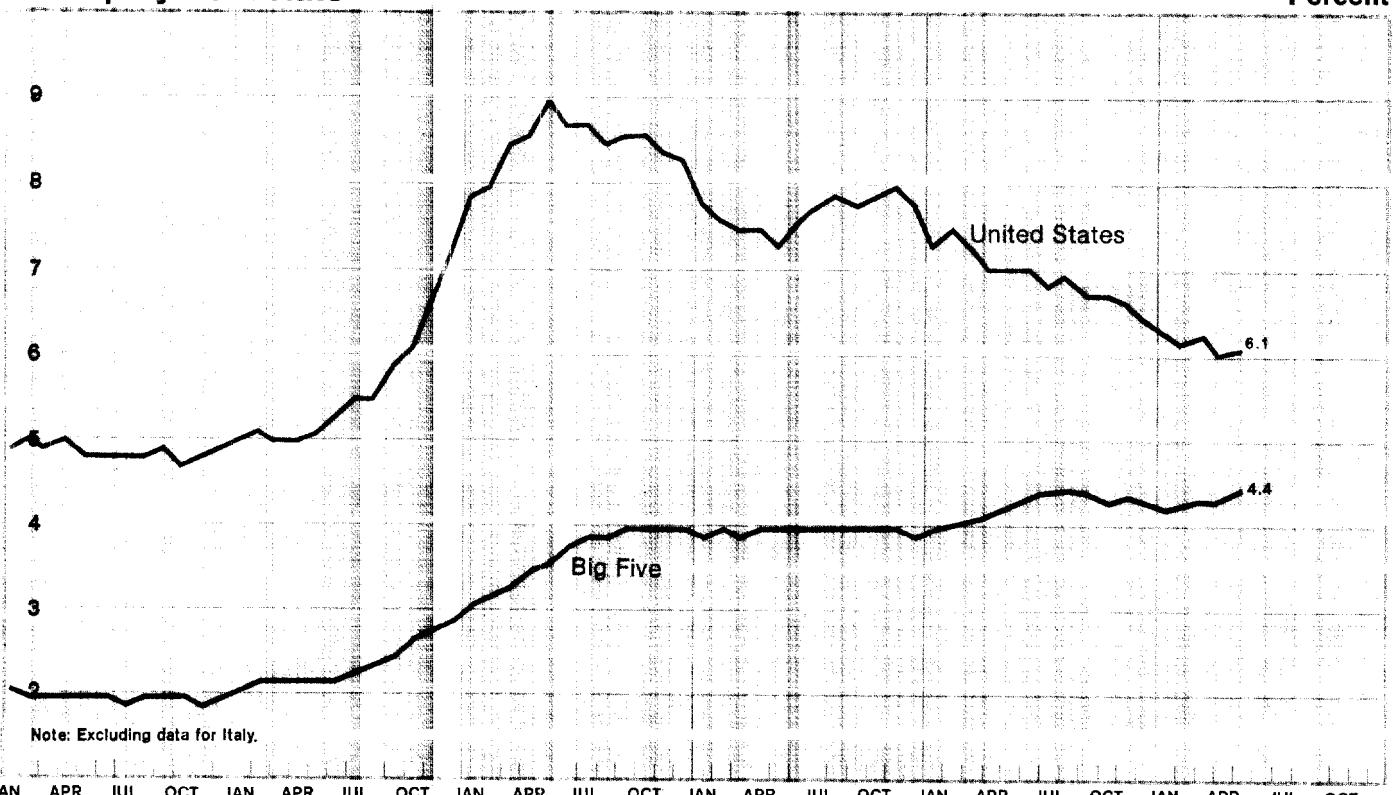
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BIG SIX FOREIGN COUNTRIES' COMPOSITE INDICATORS

Industrial Production

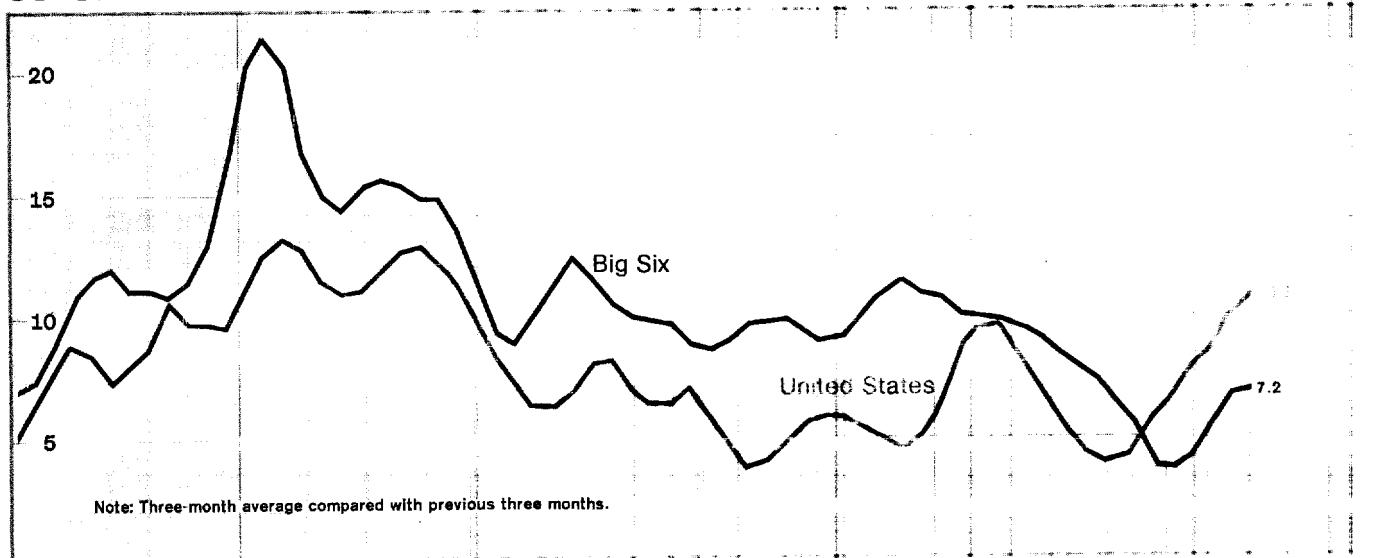
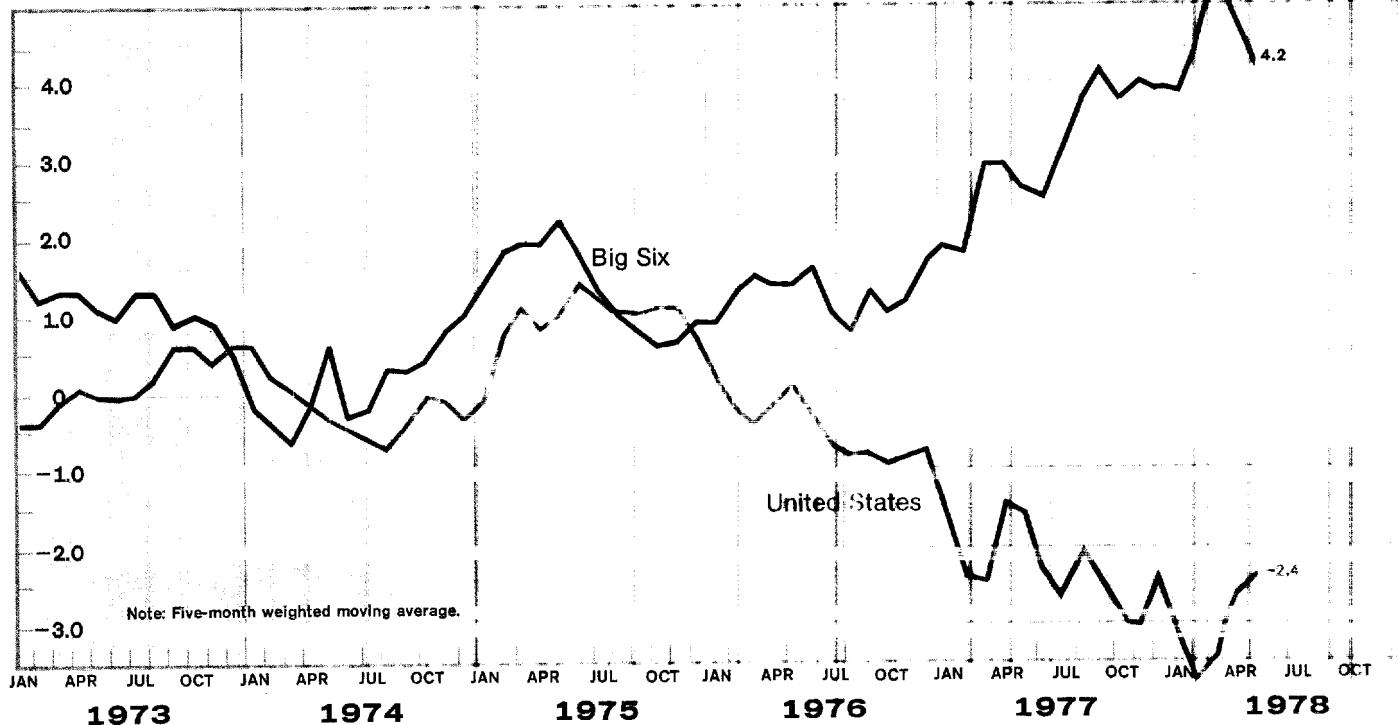


Unemployment Rate



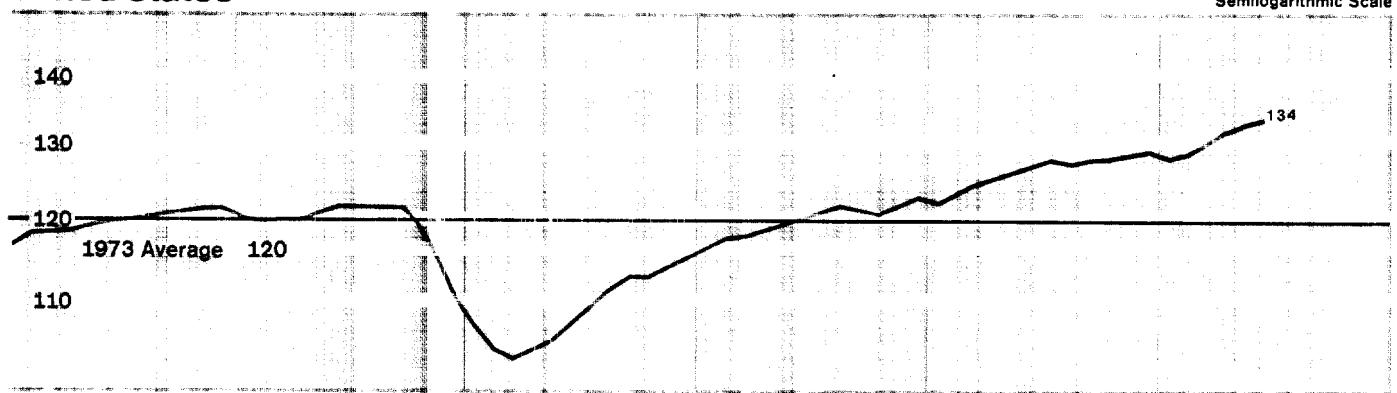
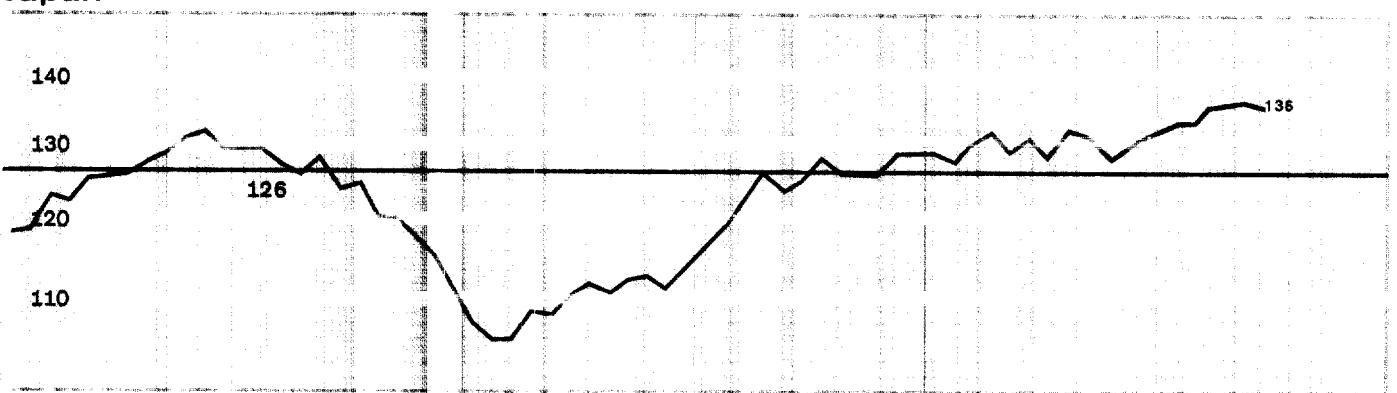
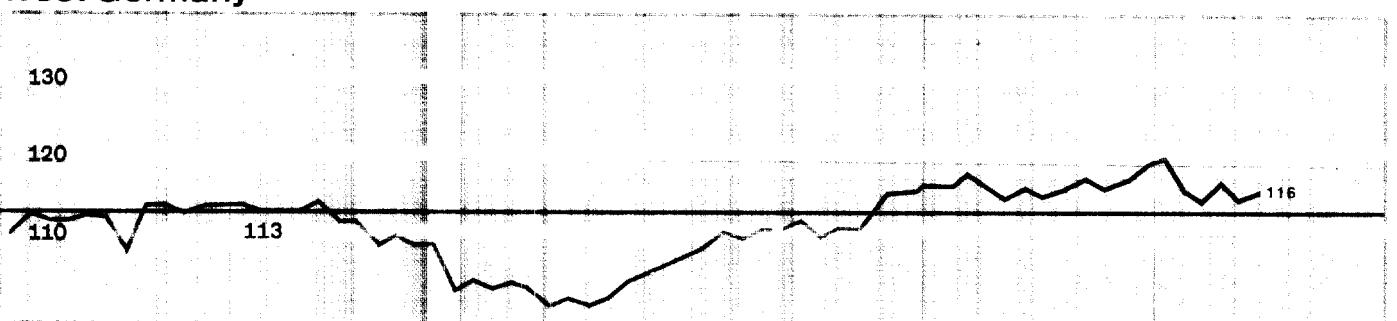
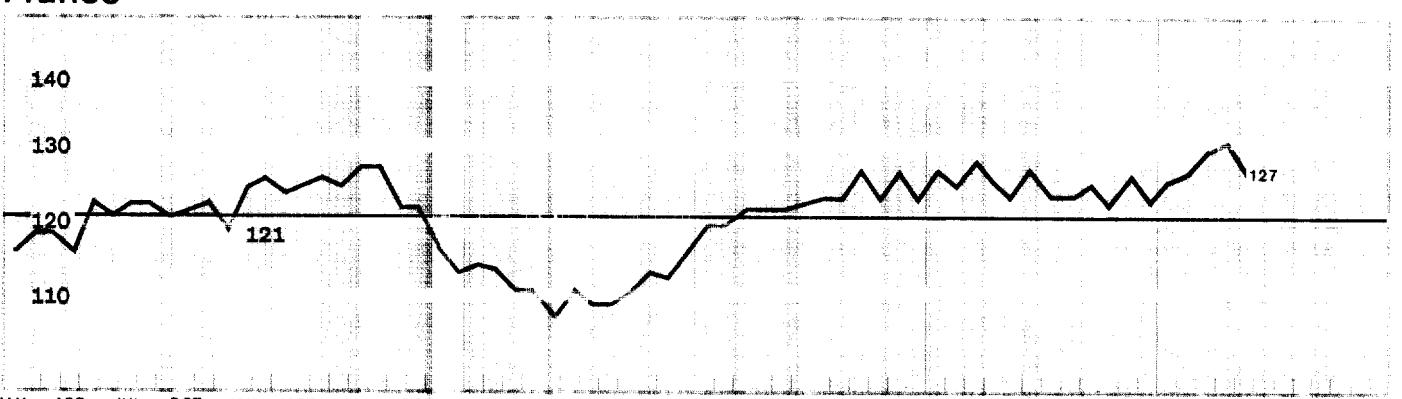
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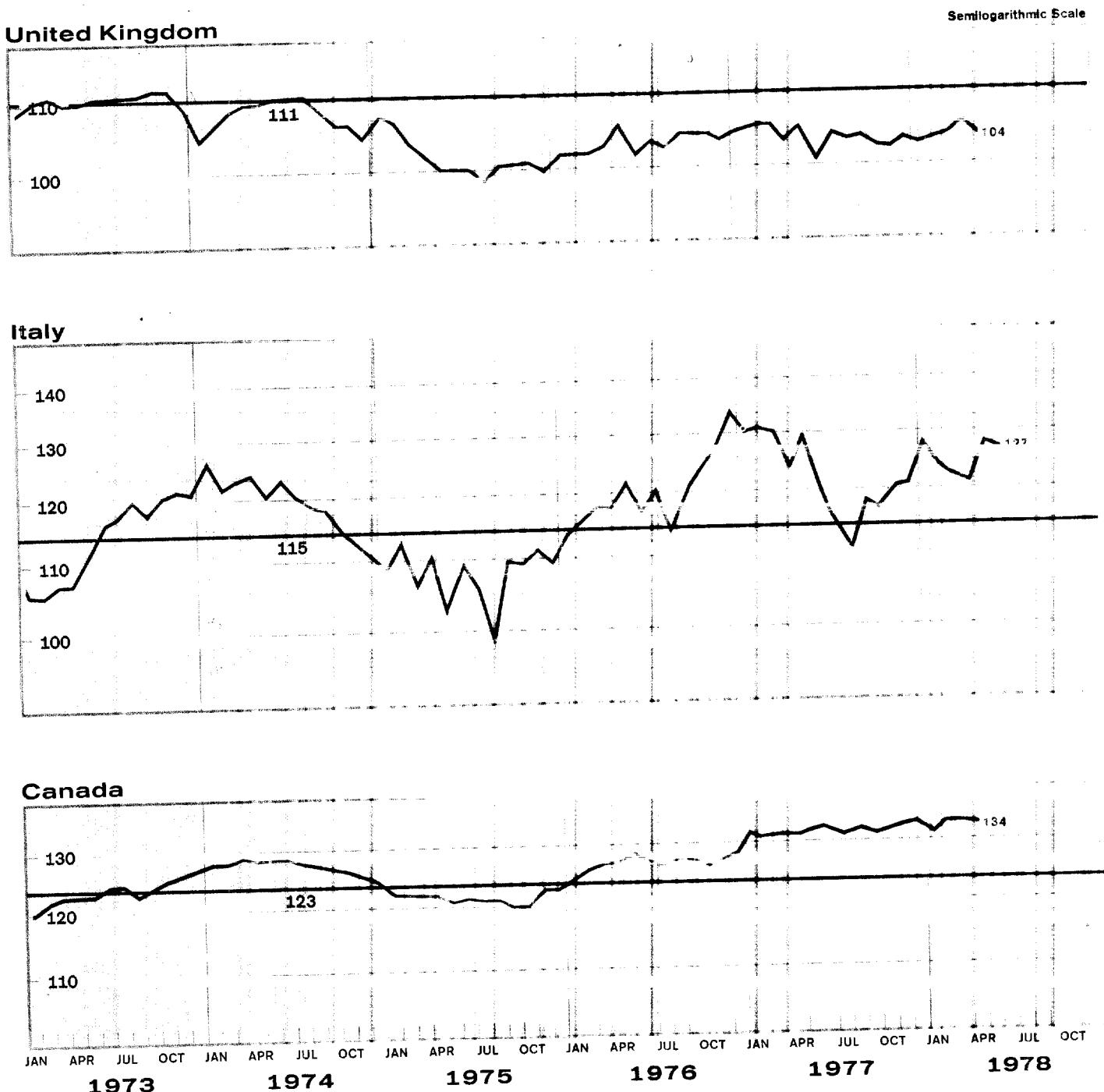
¹Including Japan, West Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Canada.

Consumer Price Inflation**Trade Balance**

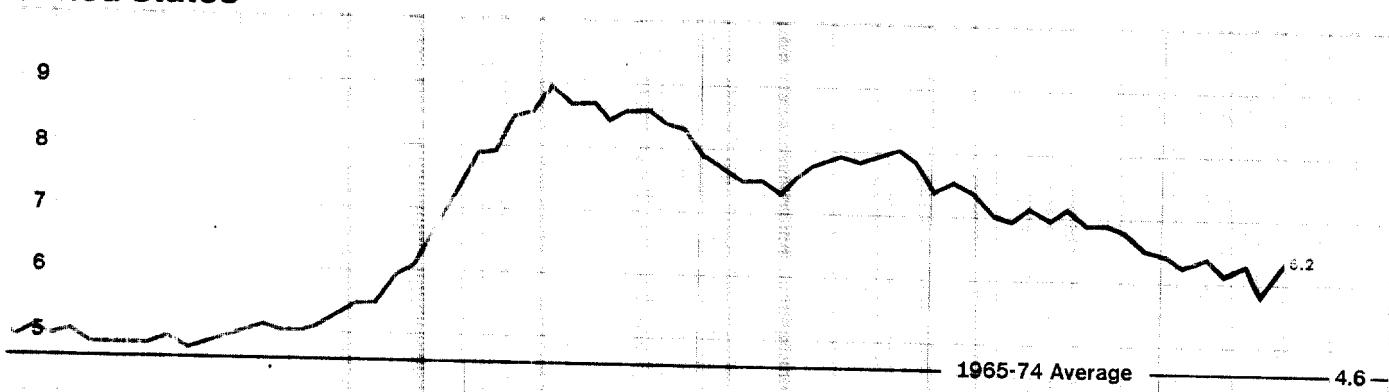
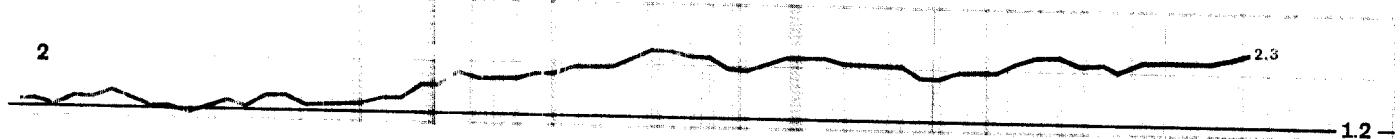
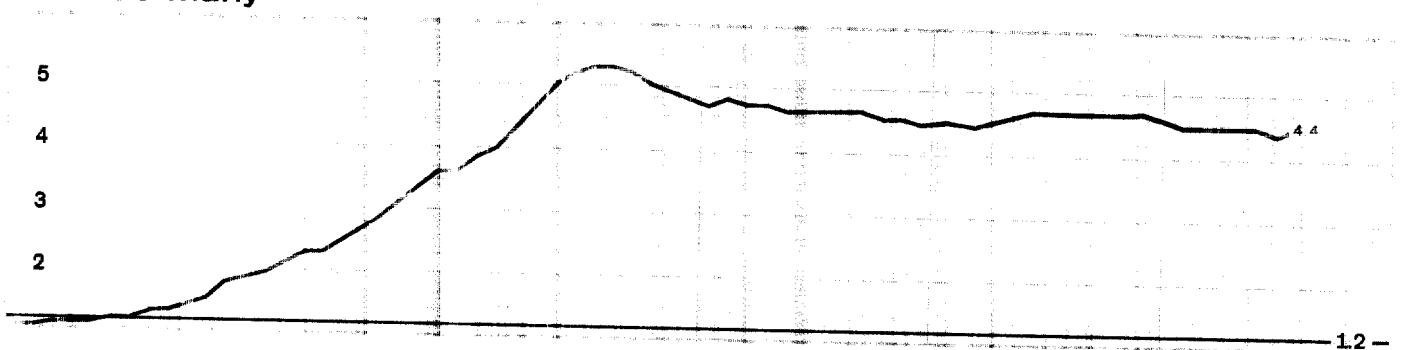
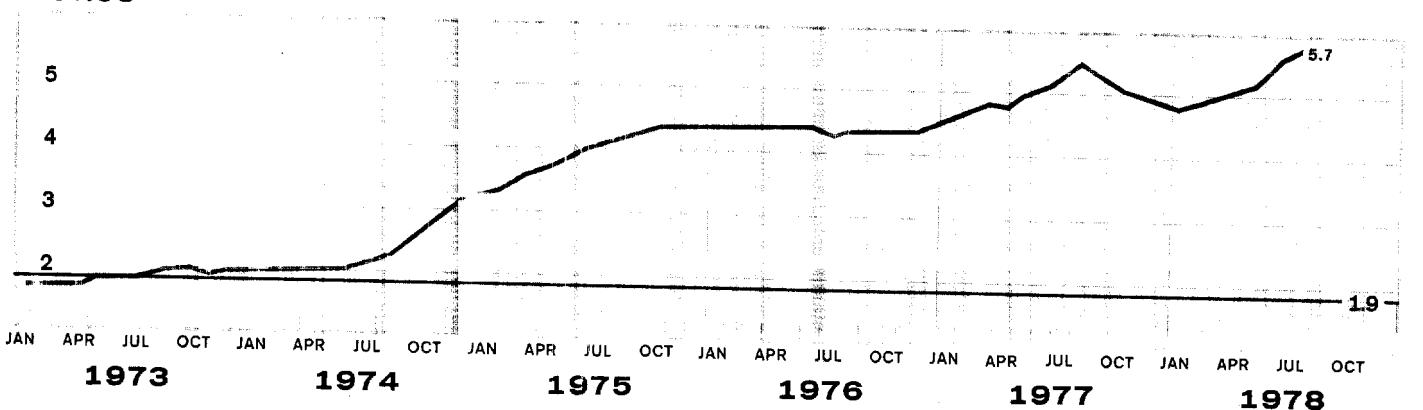
	LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE 1970		
			1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	Earlier ²
Industrial Production					
Big Six	APR 78	0.6	3.0	3.0	4.2
United States	APR 78	1.5	3.7	5.1	5.2
Consumer Prices					
Big Six	JUN 78	0.6	9.2	6.2	7.2
United States	JUN 78	0.9	6.7	7.4	10.7

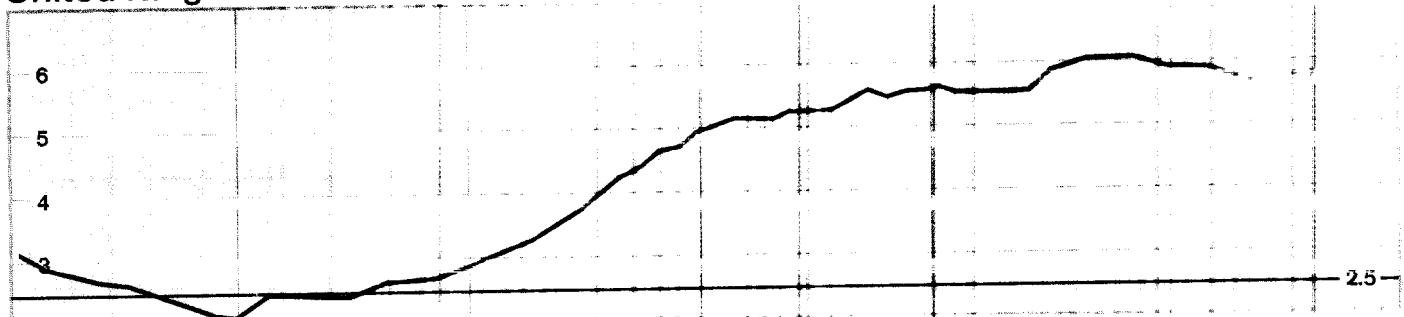
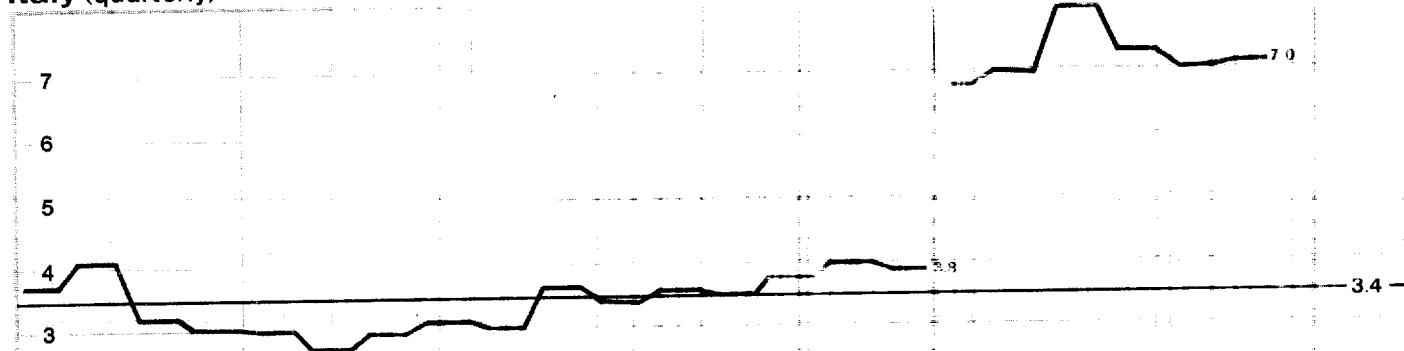
	LATEST MONTH	MILLION US \$	CUMULATIVE (MILLION US \$)	
			1978	1977
Unemployment Rate				
Big Five	MAY 78	4.4		
United States	MAY 78	6.1		
Trade Balance				
Big Six	MAY 78	3,650	21,926	10,873
United States	MAY 78	-2,238	-14,771	-8,280

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX: 1970=100, seasonally adjusted**United States****Japan****West Germany****France**

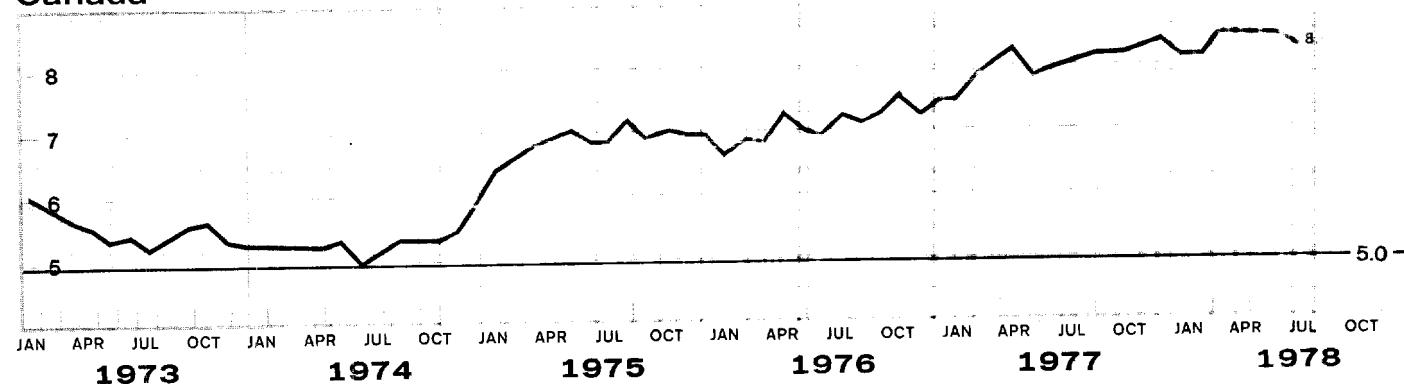


	LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE			LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ¹			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ¹
United States	JUN 78	0.3	3.7	4.7	12.2	United Kingdom	MAY 78	-2.0	0.6	-0.3
Japan	JUN 78	-0.6	3.9	4.7	6.5	Italy	JUN 78	-1.0	3.1	4.4
West Germany	JUN 78	0.9	1.9	0	-3.4	Canada	APR 78	-0.2	3.8	2.1
France	MAY 78	-3.1	3.1	3.3	13.4					

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**PERCENT****United States****Japan****West Germany****France**

United Kingdom**Italy (quarterly)**

A labor force survey based on new definitions of economic activity sharply raised the official estimate of Italian unemployment in first quarter 1977. Data for earlier periods thus are not comparable.
Italian data are not seasonally adjusted.

Canada**THOUSANDS OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED**

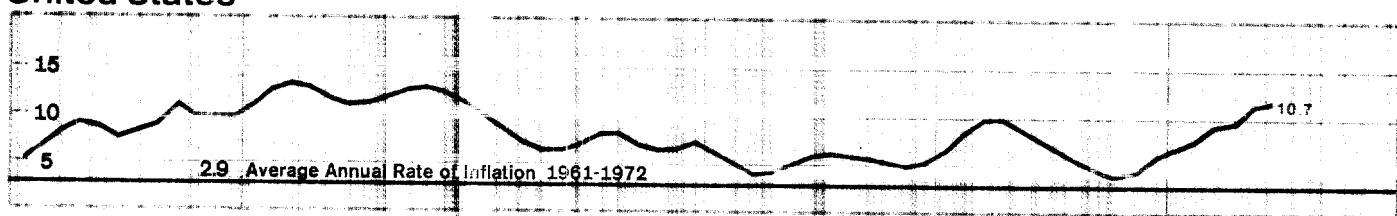
	LATEST MONTH			1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		LATEST MONTH			1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
	JUL 78	6,193	6,719				JUL 78	1,371	1,402		
United States	JUL 78	6,193	6,719	5,983	5,983	United Kingdom	JUL 78	1,371	1,402	1,387	1,387
Japan	MAY 78	1,270	1,140	1,160	1,160	Italy	JUL 78	1,455	1,432	1,520	1,520
West Germany	JUL 78	991	1,049	990	990	Canada	JUL 78	927	866	935	935
France	JUL 78	1,241	1,140	1,087	1,087						

NOTE: Data are seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates for France are estimated. The rates shown for Japan and Canada are roughly comparable to US rates. For 1975-78, the rates for France and the United Kingdom should be increased by 5 percent and 15 percent respectively, and those for West Germany decreased by 20 percent to be roughly comparable with US rates. Beginning in 1977, Italian rates should be decreased by 50 percent to be roughly comparable to US rates.

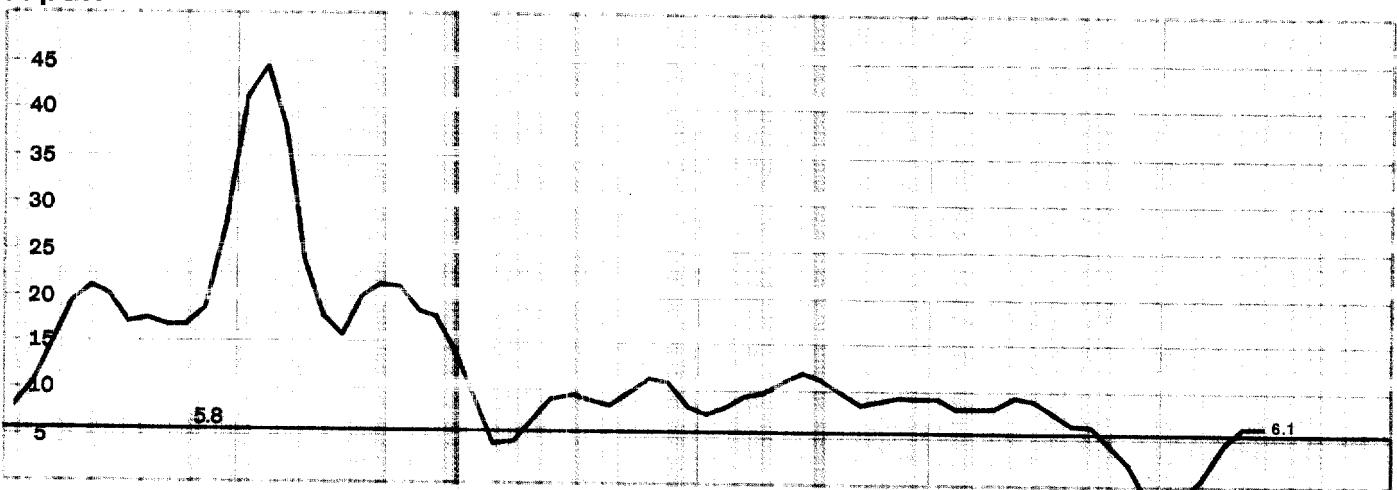
CONSUMER PRICE INFLATION

**Percent, seasonally adjusted,
annual rate¹**

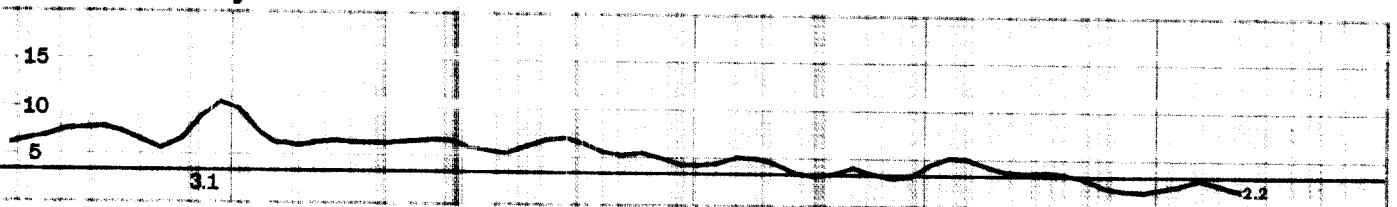
United States



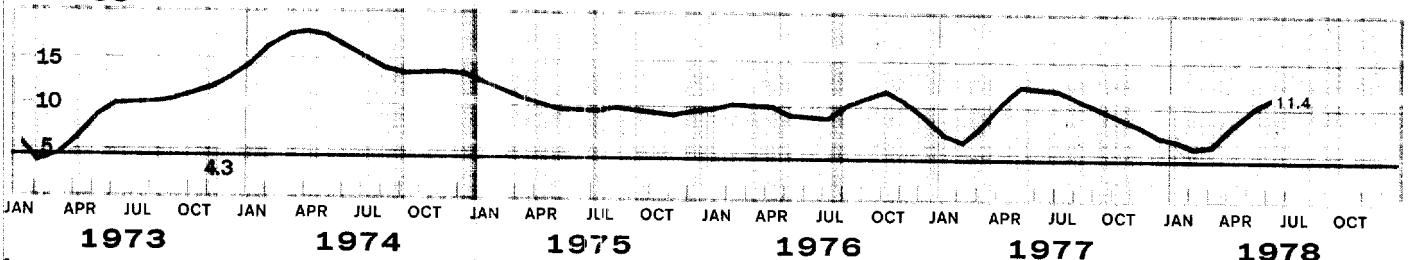
Japan



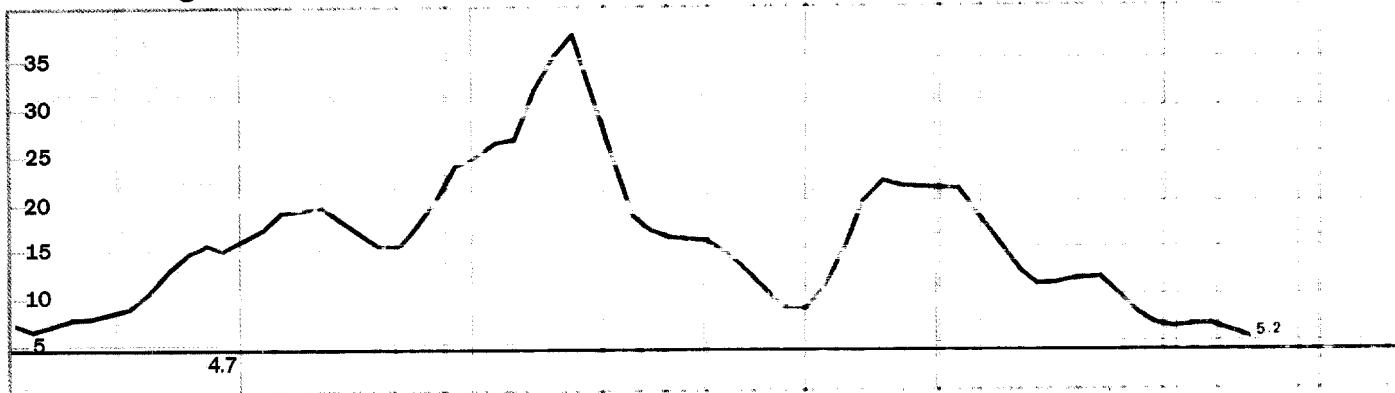
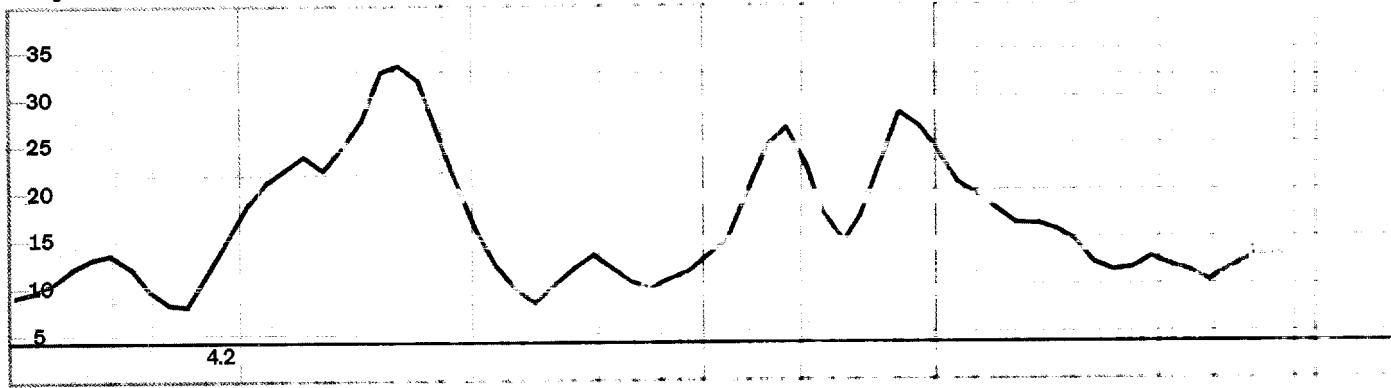
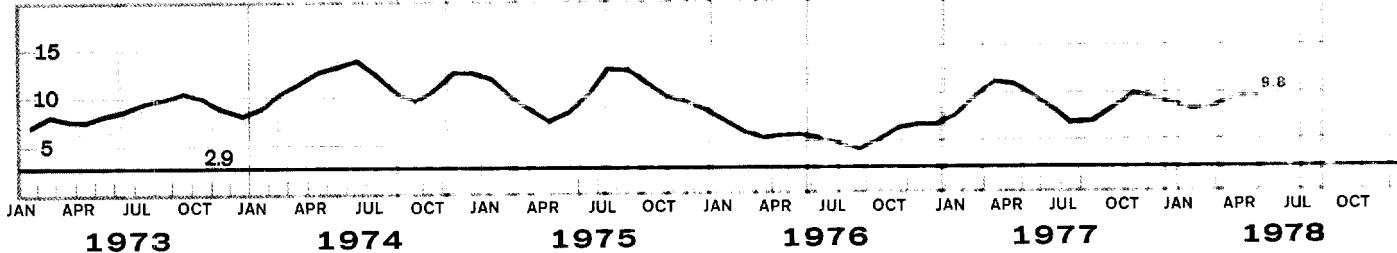
West Germany



France



¹Three-month average compared with previous three months.

United Kingdom**Italy****Canada**

	LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE				LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²				1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States	JUN 78	0.9	6.7	7.4	10.7		United Kingdom	JUN 78	0.8	13.1	7.4
Japan	JUN 78	0.3	9.8	3.5	6.1		Italy	JUN 78	1.2	13.1	12.2
West Germany	JUN 78	0.1	5.2	2.4	2.2		Canada	JUN 78	0.8	7.7	9.2
France	JUN 78	0.9	9.0	9.0	11.4						

²Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months, seasonally adjusted at annual rate.

GNP¹

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RETAIL SALES

Constant Market Prices

	Latest Quarter	Percent Change from Previous Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970		Previous Quarter
			1 Year Earlier	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	78 II	1.8	3.2	4.0	7.4
Japan	78 I	2.4	5.5	5.7	10.0
West Germany	78 I	0.1	2.4	1.1	0.4
France	78 I	1.8	4.1	1.4	7.4
United Kingdom	77 IV	-0.5	1.6	-1.1	-1.9
Italy	78 I	2.0	1.9	-6.2	8.2
Canada	78 I	0.7	4.7	2.8	2.7

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

Constant Prices

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970		3 Months Earlier
			1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	2
United States	May 78	-0.9	3.1	1.9	5.5
Japan	Apr 78	4.0	9.9	4.3	24.8
West Germany	May 78	-0.8	2.3	0	-5.3
France	Jan 78	9.9	0	1.0	10.5
United Kingdom	Jul 78	1.7	1.4	5.4	9.0
Italy	Mar 78	3.6	3.2	5.5	21.1
Canada	May 78	1.0	4.1	3.5	2.2

¹ Seasonally adjusted.² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.FIXED INVESTMENT¹

Nonresidential; constant prices

	Latest Quarter	Percent Change from Previous Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970		Previous Quarter
			1 Year Earlier	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	78 II	3.6	3.0	7.4	15.1
Japan	78 I	0.9	1.1	-0.4	3.6
West Germany	78 I	-0.5	0.7	1.6	-2.1
France	77 IV	0.8	4.0	4.7	3.3
United Kingdom	78 I	1.3	1.6	9.7	5.2
Italy	78 I	2.3	1.1	-19.6	9.4
Canada	78 I	-3.7	4.8	-12.7	-14.1

¹ Seasonally adjusted.WAGES IN MANUFACTURING¹

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970		3 Months Earlier
			1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	2
United States	Jun 78	0.5	7.6	7.6	7.2
Japan	Apr 78	0.3	16.1	8.2	10.3
West Germany	78 I	0.9	8.9	4.3	3.9
France	77 IV	3.1	14.1	12.0	12.9
United Kingdom	May 78	0.5	16.4	20.6	54.9
Italy	May 78	3.5	20.4	15.5	13.6
Canada	May 78	0.9	10.9	7.1	6.2

¹ Hourly earnings (seasonally adjusted) for the United States, Japan, and Canada; hourly wage rates for others. West German and French data refer to the beginning of the quarter.² Average for latest 3 months compared with that for previous 3 months.

MONEY MARKET RATES

	Representative rates	Percent Rate of Interest			
		Latest Date	1 Year		
			Earlier	3 Months	1 Month
United States	Commercial paper	Aug 16	7.76	5.75	7.14
Japan	Call money	Aug 18	4.25	5.75	4.12
West Germany	Interbank loans (3 months)	Aug 16	3.59	4.10	3.60
France	Call money	Aug 18	7.38	8.56	7.75
United Kingdom	Sterling interbank loans (3 months)	Aug 16	9.33	6.75	9.55
Canada	Finance paper	Aug 16	8.74	7.38	8.00
Eurodollars	Three-month deposits	Aug 16	8.33	6.38	7.86
					8.58

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EXPORT PRICES Approved For Release 2004/07/28 : CIA-RDP80T007O2A000800020004-7
US \$

		Average Annual Growth Rate Since							
		Percent Change from Previous		1 Year	3 Months	Percent Change from Previous		1 Year	3 Months
		Latest Month	Month	1970	Earlier	Latest Month	Month	1970	Earlier
United States	May 78	0.4	9.4	5.0	8.3				
Japan	Jul 78	1.2	11.7	27.0	39.1				
West Germany	May 78	-1.8	11.4	10.6	-6.7				
France	Apr 78	3.4	12.1	17.9	36.2				
United Kingdom	Jul 78	3.7	11.8	20.4	23.8				
Italy	Apr 78	-0.6	10.9	9.6	6.7				
Canada	Apr 78	-0.2	8.3	-1.2	-13.6				

IMPORT PRICES
National Currency

		Average Annual Growth Rate Since							
		Percent Change from Previous		1 Year	3 Months	Percent Change from Previous		1 Year	3 Months
		Latest Month	Month	1970	Earlier	Latest Month	Month	1970	Earlier
United States	May 78	-0.3	12.8	5.4	6.8				
Japan	Jul 78	-6.6	5.8	-20.9	-22.7				
West Germany	May 78	1.5	3.3	-4.4	0.9				
France	Apr 78	-2.2	9.3	0.2	-1.6				
United Kingdom	Jul 78	0.1	17.4	1.8	8.2				
Italy	Apr 78	-0.7	18.9	4.7	-8.3				
Canada	Apr 78	1.5	8.9	10.6	-2.1				

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE¹

		Cumulative (Million US \$)				
		Latest Period	Million US \$	1978	1977	Change
				1978	1977	Change
United States ²	78 I	-6,954	-6,954	-4,158	-	-2,796
Japan	Jul 78	2,050	10,879	4,630	6,249	
West Germany	May 78	323	2,665	1,946	720	
France	78 I	0	0	-2	2	
United Kingdom	78 I	-803	-803	-896	94	
Italy	77 III	2,390	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
Canada	78 I	-1,273	-1,273	-1,484	212	

¹ Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

² Seasonally adjusted.

EXCHANGE RATES
Spot Rate
As of 18 Aug 78

	US \$	Percent Change from						
		Per Unit	19 Mar 73	1 Year	3 Months	Earlier	Earlier	11 Aug 78
Japan (yen)	0.0054	41.34	43.14	21.72	0.47			
West Germany (Deutsche mark)	0.5038	42.27	17.30	6.82	-0.91			
France (franc)	0.2318	5.18	13.87	8.07	-0.34			
United Kingdom (pound sterling)	1.9850	-19.34	14.22	9.55	1.07			
Italy (lira)	0.0012	-31.92	6.45	5.06	0.42			
Canada (dollar)	0.8783	-11.97	-5.44	-1.92	-0.22			

EXPORT PRICES
National Currency

		Average Annual Growth Rate Since							
		Percent Change from Previous		1 Year	3 Months	Percent Change from Previous		1 Year	3 Months
		Latest Month	Month	1970	Earlier	Latest Month	Month	1970	Earlier
United States	May 78	0.4	9.4	5.0	8.3				
Japan	Jul 78	-5.8	3.8	-4.3	-8.8				
West Germany	May 78	1.2	3.8	-1.2	-0.6				
France	Apr 78	0.9	9.4	8.9	21.0				
United Kingdom	Jul 78	0.5	15.1	9.4	11.3				
Italy	Apr 78	-0.6	15.4	5.7	-1.6				
Canada	Apr 78	1.2	9.5	7.3	-0.2				

OFFICIAL RESERVES
Billion US \$

		Latest Month			1 Year
		End of	Billion US \$	Jun 1970	
United States	Jun 78	18.9	14.5	19.2	19.2
Japan	Jul 78	29.3	4.1	17.6	27.5
West Germany	Jun 78	40.7	8.8	34.3	42.2
France	Apr 78	10.6	4.4	10.0	0.1
United Kingdom	May 78	17.3	2.8	10.0	21.4
Italy	Jun 78	13.2	4.7	9.7	10.6
Canada	Jun 78	4.7	9.1	5.1	4.0

BASIC BALANCE¹
Current Account and Long-Term Capital Transactions
Cumulative (Million US \$)

	Latest Period	Million US \$	1978	1977	Change
			No longer published ²		
United States	Jul 78	650	6,231	3,513	2,718
Japan	May 78	-722	2,532	-543	3,075
West Germany	78 I	-1	-1	-2	1
France	78 I	-326	-326	543	-869
United Kingdom	77 III	2,520	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Italy	78 I	-668	-668	-584	-84
Canada	78 I				

¹ Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

² As recommended by the Advisory Committee on the Presentation of Balance of Payments Statistics, the Department of Commerce no longer publishes a basic balance.

TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES¹
As of 18 Aug 78

	19 Mar 73	Percent Change from		
		Earlier	Earlier	11 Aug 78
United States	-4.49	-10.10	-6.11	-0.13
Japan	44.81	38.30	19.27	0.38
West Germany	30.28	3.95	-0.14	-1.24
France	-7.76	-0.09	1.16	-0.35
United Kingdom	-27.92	2.75	2.88	0.34
Italy	-42.58	-6.52	-1.61	0.58
Canada	-13.58	-9.17	-4.18	-0.34

¹ Weighting is based on each listed country's trade with 16 other industrialized countries to reflect the relative importance of exchange rate variations among the major currencies.

Developed Countries: Direction of Trade¹

Billion US \$

	Exports to (f.o.b.)						Imports from (c.i.f.)					
	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC	Communist	Other	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC	Communist	Other
		7.94	16.25	10.77	3.37	29.82		49.81	8.83	18.70	0.98	25.08
UNITED STATES												
1975	107.65	46.94	16.25	10.77	3.37	29.82	103.42	49.81	8.83	18.70	0.98	25.08
1976	115.01	51.30	17.68	12.57	3.64	29.44	129.57	60.39	9.75	27.17	1.16	31.09
1977	120.17	53.92	18.53	14.02	2.72	30.98	156.70	70.48	11.08	35.45	1.22	38.47
1978	30.94	13.65	4.60	3.76	1.00	7.93	43.14	20.39	3.51	8.15	0.47	10.62
JAPAN												
1975	55.73	16.56	6.07	8.42	5.16	15.87	57.85	16.93	6.08	19.40	3.36	12.05
1976	67.32	22.61	8.59	9.27	4.93	17.84	64.89	17.58	7.78	21.88	2.91	14.72
1977	81.11	28.02	9.73	12.03	5.32	26.01	71.33	18.87	7.93	24.33	3.41	16.79
1978	22.11	7.83	2.39	3.35	1.32	7.22	18.32	5.04	2.06	6.46	0.87	3.89
WEST GERMANY												
1975	91.70	28.33	36.44	6.78	8.81	11.05	76.28	27.09	27.78	8.24	4.87	8.21
1976	103.63	33.44	41.84	8.25	8.72	11.04	89.68	31.28	32.64	9.73	5.93	10.01
1977	119.28	39.01	48.00	10.78	8.59	12.90	102.63	36.38	37.37	10.12	6.14	12.62
1978	20.35	7.03	8.12	1.75	1.29	2.16	18.20	6.58	6.92	1.49	0.89	2.32
FRANCE												
1975	52.87	20.00	15.50	4.90	3.13	8.61	53.99	23.04	14.33	9.43	1.94	5.21
1976	57.05	22.49	16.15	5.08	3.23	8.75	64.38	27.81	16.93	11.36	2.24	6.01
1977	65.00	25.90	18.19	5.97	3.00	11.94	70.50	30.28	18.24	11.82	2.46	7.70
1978	18.49	7.66	5.07	1.57	0.66	3.53	19.76	8.58	5.40	3.05	0.64	2.09
UNITED KINGDOM												
1975	44.03	12.55	16.59	4.55	1.56	8.64	53.35	18.47	18.52	6.91	1.68	7.67
1976	46.12	14.03	17.53	5.13	1.39	7.92	55.56	19.66	18.81	7.29	2.08	7.65
1977	57.44	16.99	22.56	6.78	1.63	9.48	63.29	24.02	21.34	6.31	2.40	9.22
1978	16.86	5.09	6.27	2.03	0.55	2.92	18.87	7.44	6.68	1.80	0.55	2.40
ITALY												
1975	34.82	15.61	7.86	3.72	2.46	4.67	38.36	17.32	6.75	7.85	2.09	4.34
1976	36.96	17.41	8.69	4.23	2.18	3.96	43.42	19.35	8.04	8.12	2.65	5.24
1977	45.04	20.92	10.20	5.85	2.45	5.62	47.56	20.80	8.67	9.03	2.80	6.26
4th Qtr	12.84	6.02	2.78	1.67	0.69	1.68	13.15	5.90	2.49	2.25	0.83	1.68
CANADA												
1975	33.84	26.30	1.73	0.71	1.20	2.00	38.59	29.78	1.70	3.43	0.32	2.02
1976	40.18	32.01	2.03	0.81	1.25	2.09	43.05	33.55	1.82	3.48	0.38	2.56
1977	42.98	34.77	2.13	0.94	1.06	4.08	44.67	35.67	1.77	3.05	0.33	3.85
4th Qtr	11.04	9.05	0.52	0.24	0.26	0.97	11.09	8.94	0.44	0.67	0.07	0.97

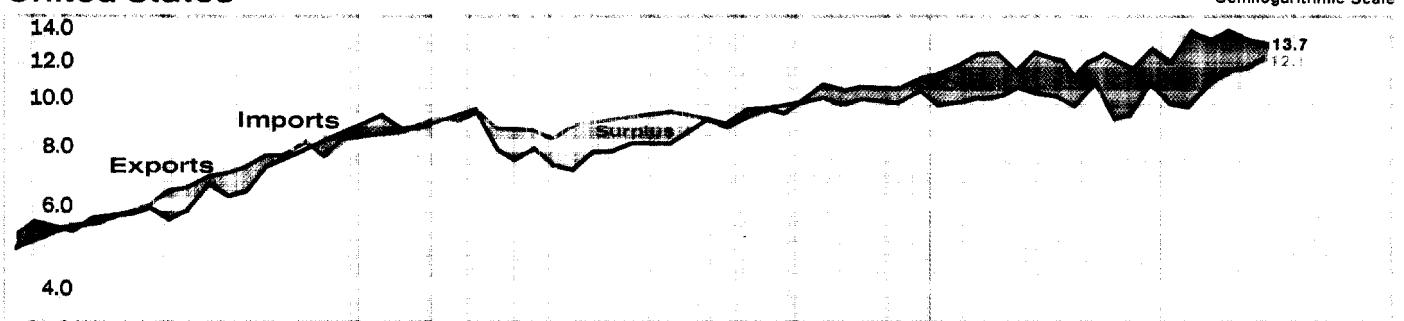
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Developed Countries: Direction of Trade ¹ (Continued)										Billion US \$		
	Exports to (f.o.b.)						Imports from (c.i.f.)					
	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC	Communist	Other	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC	Communist	Other
CANADA												
1975	33.84	26.30	1.73	0.71	1.20	2.00	38.59	29.78	1.70	3.43	0.32	2.02
1976	40.18	32.01	2.03	0.81	1.25	2.09	43.05	33.55	1.82	3.48	0.38	2.55
1977	42.98	34.77	2.13	0.94	1.06	4.08	44.67	35.67	1.77	3.05	0.33	3.85
1st Qtr	10.35	8.37	0.53	0.23	0.22	1.00	10.92	8.64	0.43	0.82	0.09	0.94
2d Qtr	11.34	9.23	0.54	0.24	0.29	1.04	12.28	9.92	0.47	0.74	0.10	1.05
3d Qtr	10.25	8.12	0.54	0.23	0.29	1.07	10.38	8.17	0.43	0.82	0.07	0.89
4th Qtr	11.04	9.05	0.52	0.24	0.26	0.97	11.09	8.94	0.44	0.67	0.07	0.97

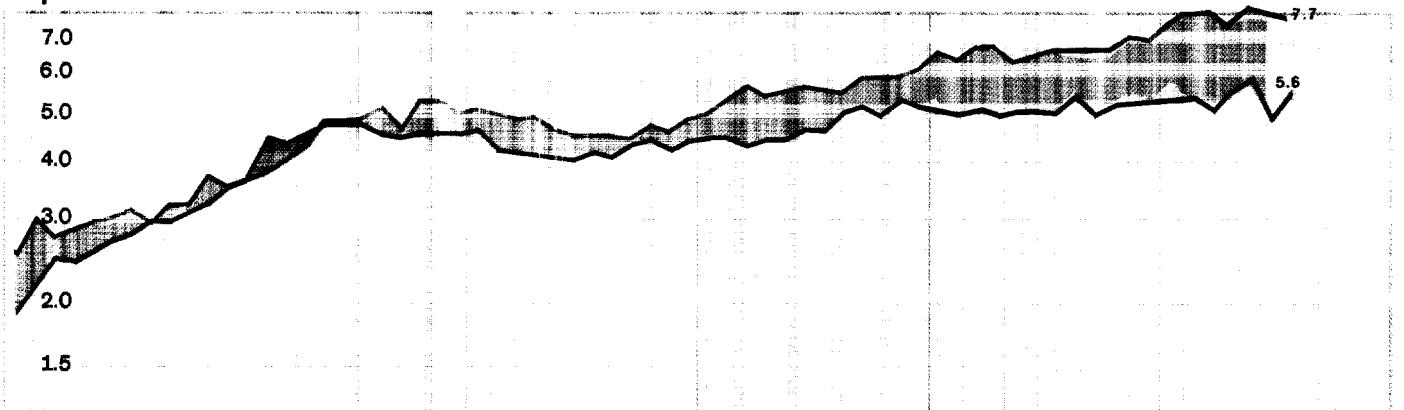
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FOREIGN TRADE BILLION US \$, f.o.b., seasonally adjusted

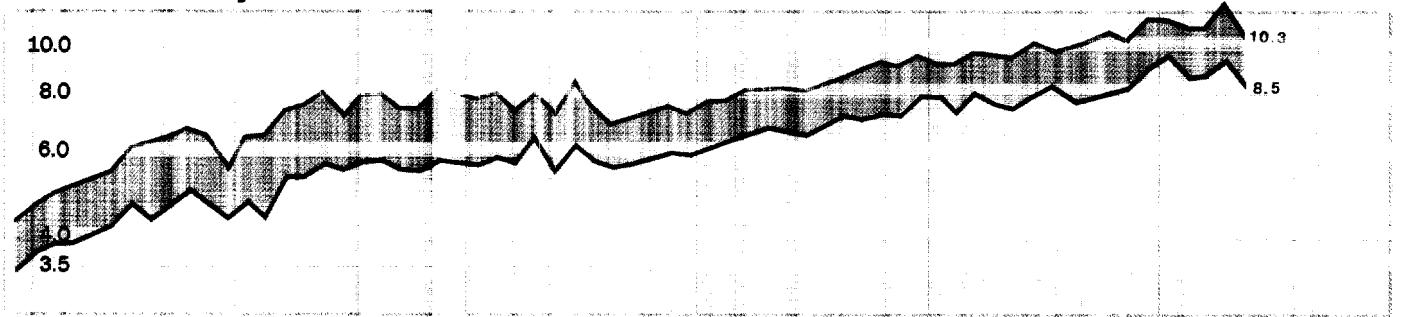
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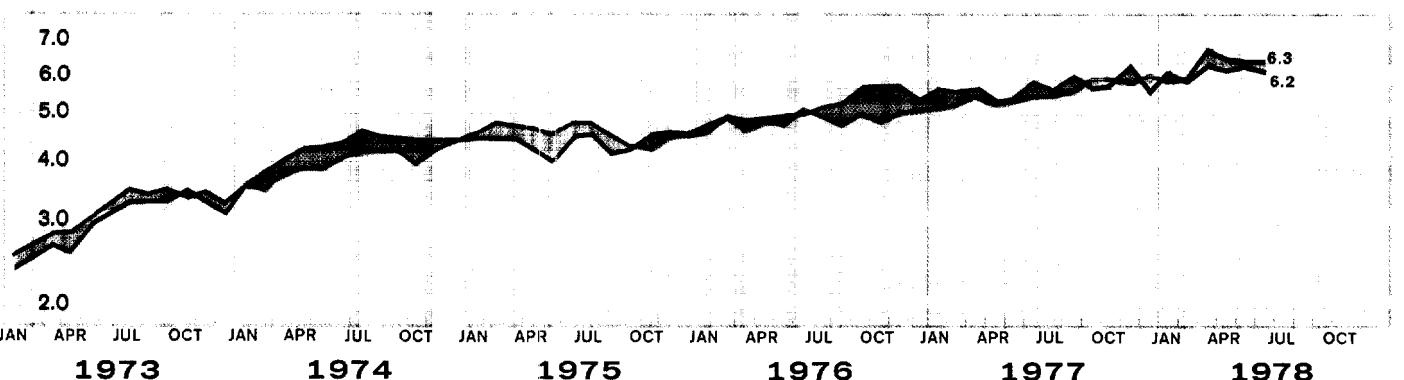
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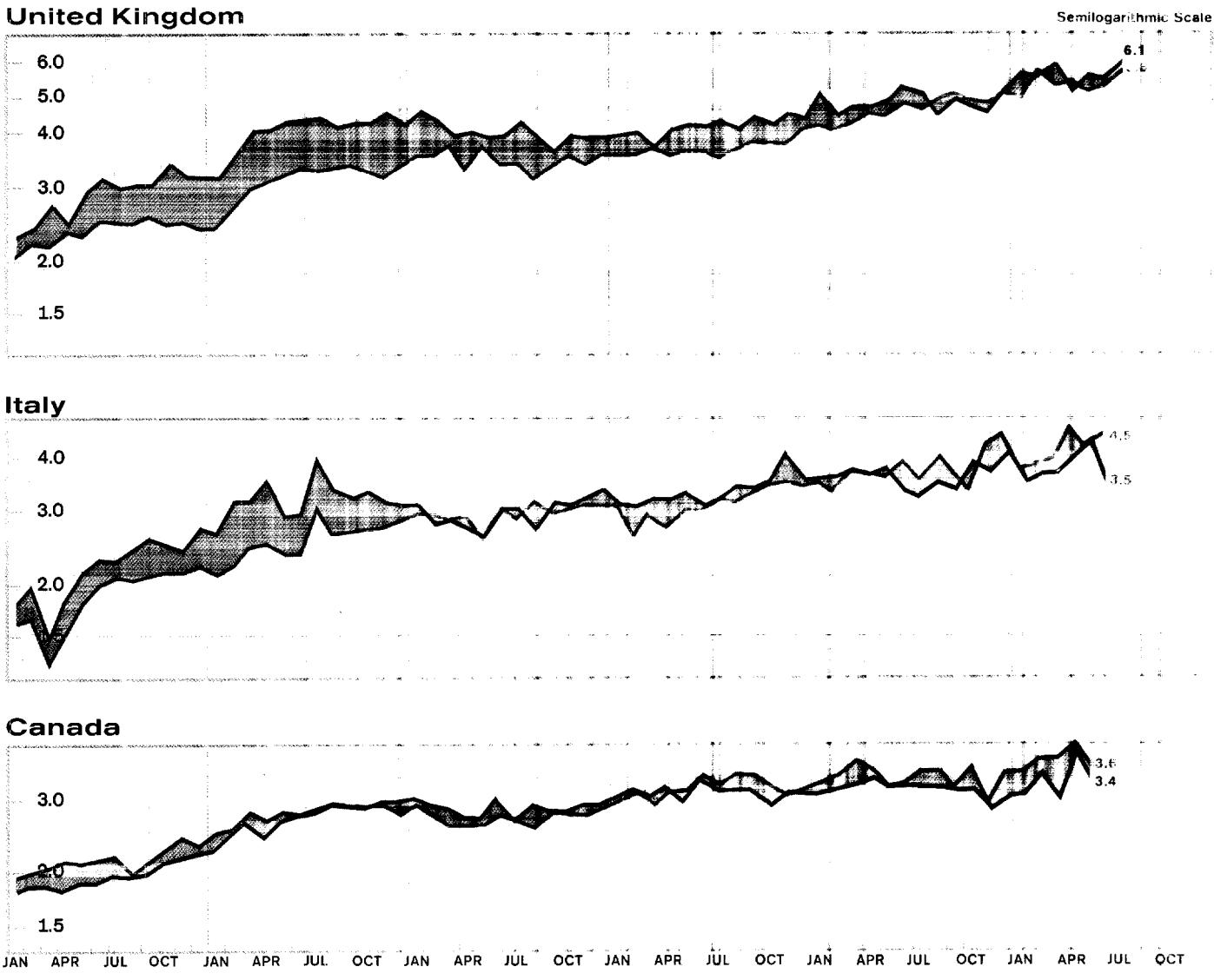
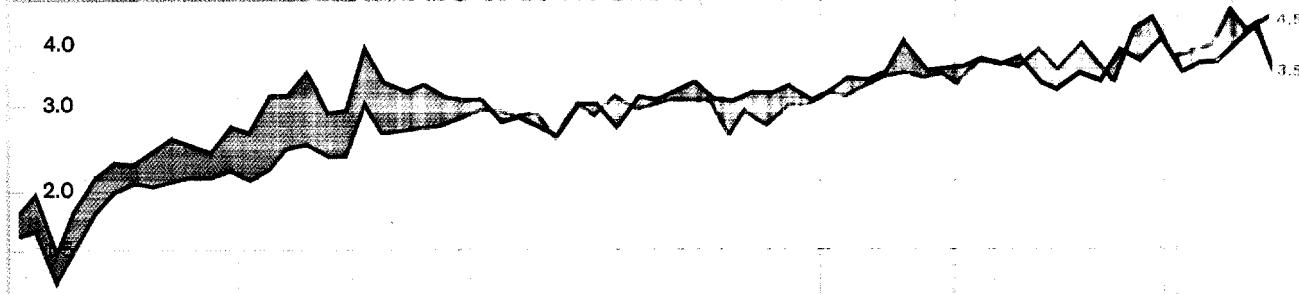
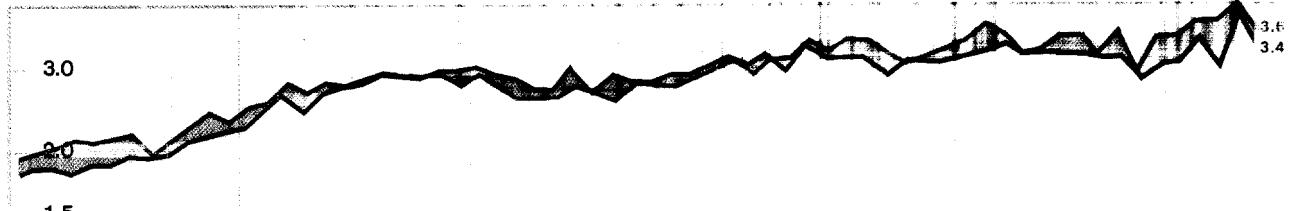


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France



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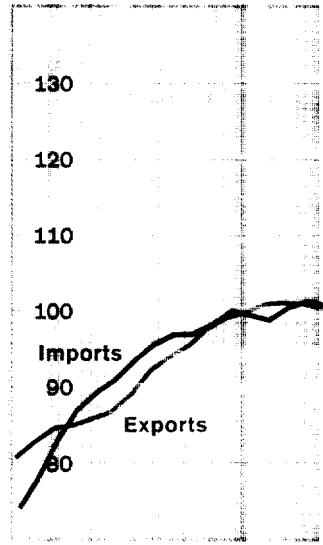
1973 **1974** **1975** **1976** **1977** **1978**

	LATEST MONTH	MILLION US \$	CUMULATIVE (MILLION US \$)			LATEST MONTH	MILLION US \$	CUMULATIVE (MILLION US \$)			
			1978	1977	CHANGE			1978	1977	CHANGE	
United States	JUN 78	12,126	66,383	60,257	10.1%	United Kingdom	JUN 78	5,770	38,169	31,289	22.0%
	Balance	13,723	82,731	71,782	15.3%		Balance	6,055	39,807	34,595	15.1%
Japan	JUN 78	7,700	54,344	45,157	20.3%	Italy	JUN 78	4,468	24,806	21,545	13.1%
	Balance	5,556	37,967	35,555	6.8%		Balance	3,517	22,832	22,136	3.1%
West Germany	MAY 78	10,313	55,032	46,735	17.8%	Canada**	MAY 78	3,621	18,983	17,435	3.9%
	Balance	8,522	45,808	38,606	18.7%		Balance	3,401	17,447	16,713	4.4%
France	JUN 78	5,316	37,327	31,159	19.8%			219	1,536	722	814
	Balance	6,215	37,180	32,828	13.3%						
		100	147	-1,670	1,817						

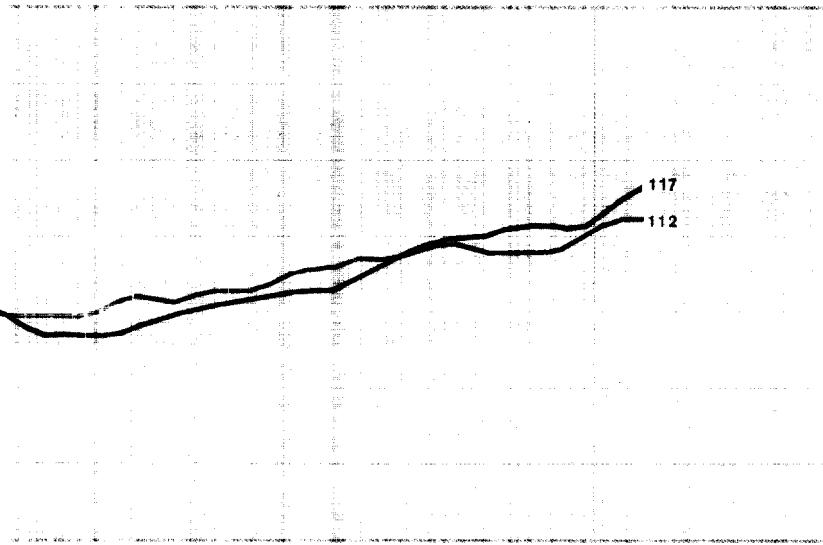
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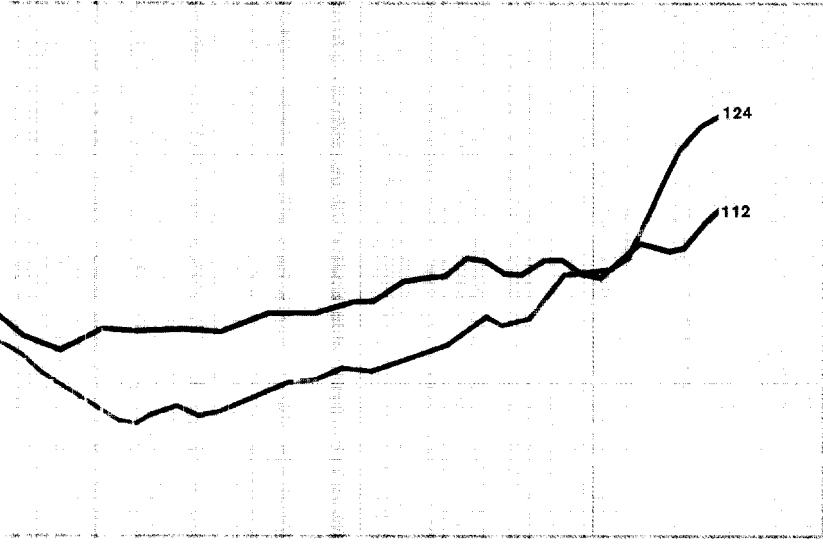
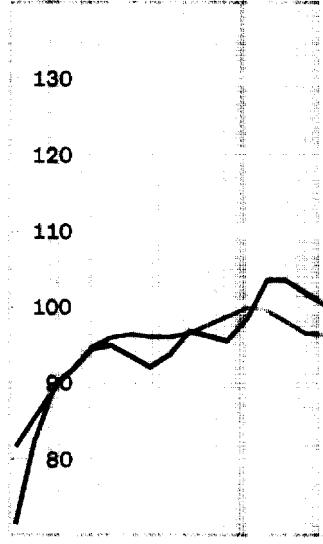
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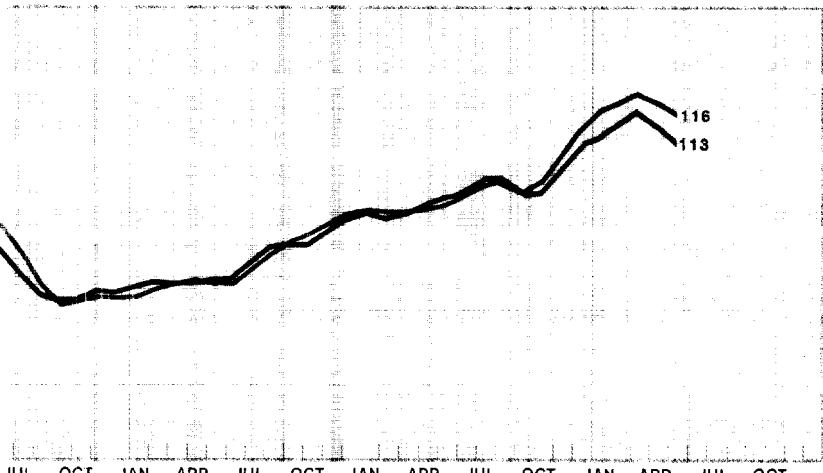
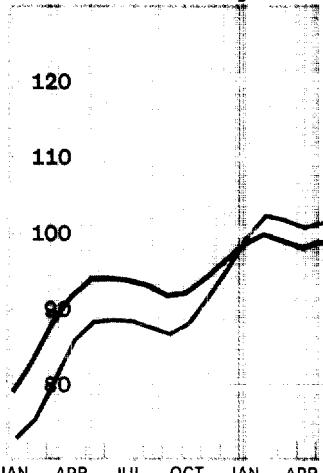
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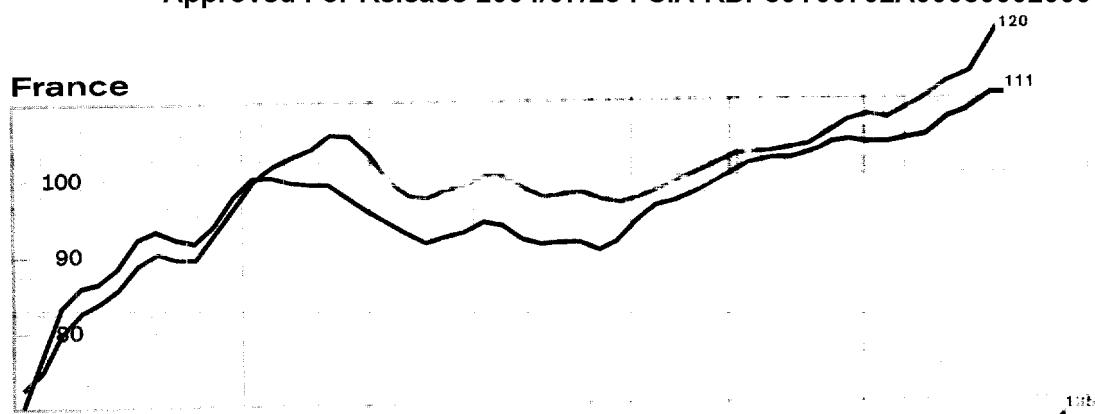
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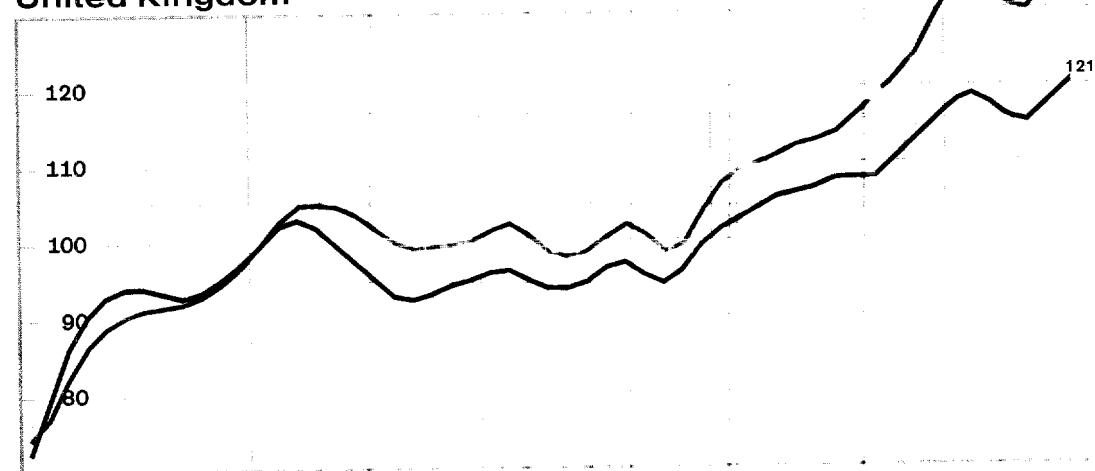
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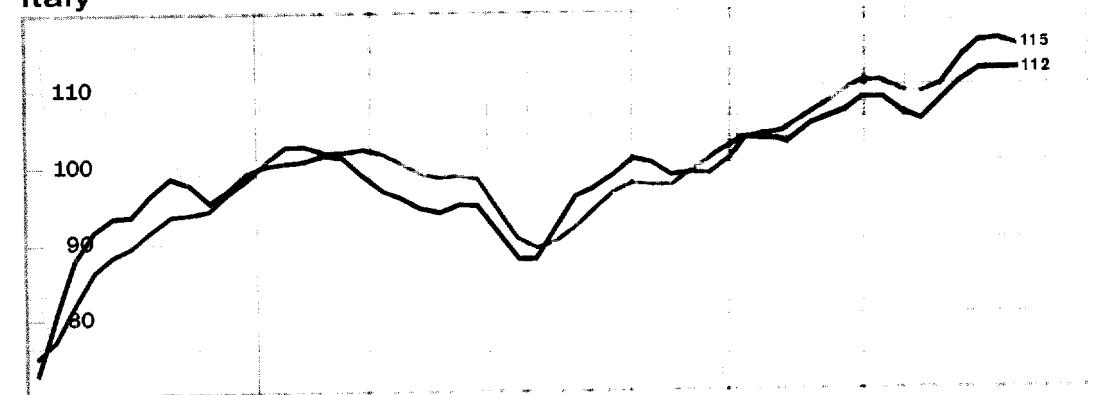
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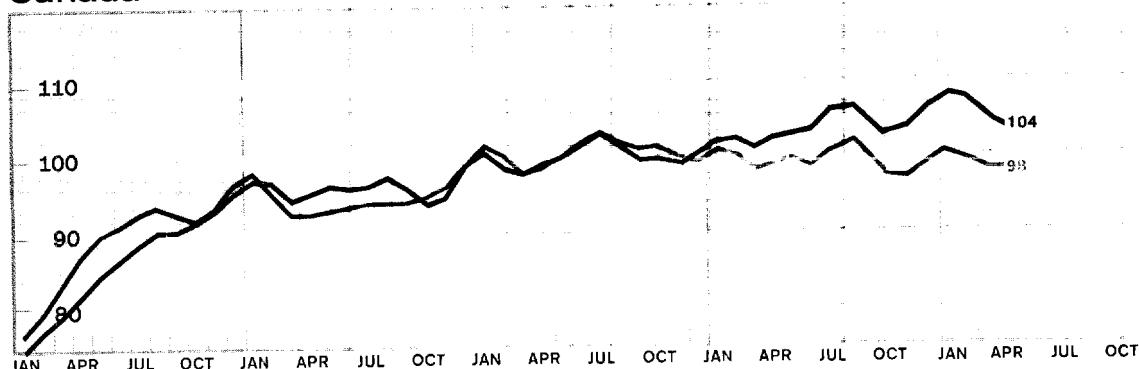
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Italy



Canada



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SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION¹

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1 Year		3 Months Earlier
			1970	Earlier	Earlier ²
India	Mar 78	1.1	4.9	0.8	17.8
South Korea	Jun 78	-1.2	22.5	20.1	26.5
Mexico	Mar 78	-5.1	5.1	3.4	-2.0
Nigeria	78 I	6.8	11.0	0.2	29.9
Taiwan	Apr 78	1.5	15.3	17.4	-2.0

¹Seasonally adjusted.

²Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

MONEY SUPPLY¹

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1 Year	3 Months Earlier
		Month	1970	Earlier	Earlier ²
Brazil	Mar 78		2.7	36.4	43.3
India	Feb 78		-0.6	13.7	16.0
Iran	Mar 78		9.9	29.3	22.5
South Korea	May 78		1.3	31.2	30.7
Mexico	Apr 78		1.2	20.4	30.8
Nigeria	Dec 77		-5.2	35.4	38.1
Taiwan	Mar 78		5.3	25.2	31.0
Thailand	Jan 78		2.7	13.2	13.7

¹Seasonally adjusted.

²Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

CONSUMER PRICES

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1 Year
		Month	1970	Earlier
Brazil	Jun 78	4.1	28.3	38.0
India	Mar 78	0.3	7.5	2.9
Iran	May 78	-0.4	12.4	12.0
South Korea	Jul 78	1.4	14.6	14.7
Mexico	May 78	1.0	15.0	17.2
Nigeria	Dec 77	3.2	16.6	31.0
Taiwan	Apr 78	1.8	10.1	7.6
Thailand	Apr 78	1.0	8.6	8.8

WHOLESALE PRICES

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since			
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1 Year	Earlier
		Month	1970	Earlier	Earlier ²
Brazil	May 78		3.4	28.4	34.5
India	May 78		0.6	8.0	-2.8
Iran	May 78		0.4	11.0	10.9
South Korea	Jul 78		0.4	15.8	11.7
Mexico	May 78		2.5	16.5	16.3
Taiwan	Mar 78		1.1	8.2	1.2
Thailand	Jan 78		-0.2	9.5	6.4

EXPORT PRICES

US \$

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1 Year
		Month	1970	Earlier
Brazil	Feb 78	0.4	14.0	1.5
India	Mar 77	-0.9	9.6	17.9
Iran	Jun 78	0	30.8	0
South Korea	78 I	0.7	8.7	7.7
Nigeria	May 76	-0.1	27.3	12.3
Taiwan	Mar 78	-0.7	11.2	3.8
Thailand	Dec 76	2.0	13.3	13.1

OFFICIAL RESERVES

	Latest Month	Million US \$			
		End of		Million US \$	Jun 1970
		1 Year	3 Months	Earlier	Earlier
Brazil	Feb 78	6,733	1,013	5,878	5,994
India	Apr 78	6,064	1,006	4,134	5,411
Iran	Jun 78	12,068	208	11,025	12,483
South Korea	May 78	4,101	602	3,519	4,376
Mexico	Mar 78	1,766	695	1,422	1,723
Nigeria	Jun 78	2,387	148	4,663	3,906
Taiwan	Mar 78	1,433	531	1,349	1,447
Thailand	Jun 78	2,161	978	2,017	2,161

FOREIGN TRADE, f.o.b.

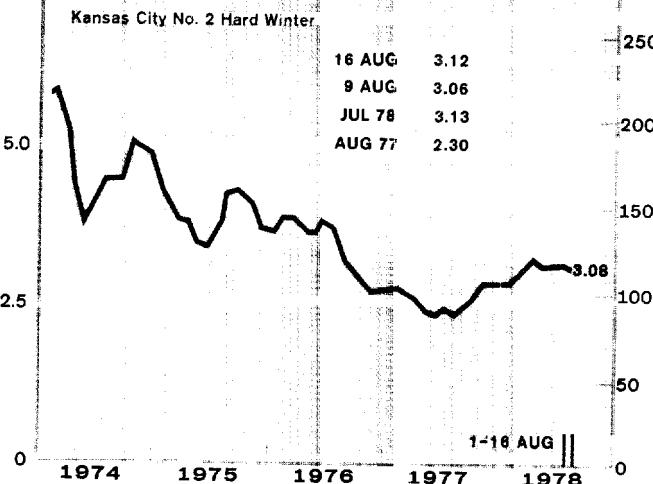
			Latest 3 Months		Cumulative (Million US \$)	
			Percent Change from			
			3 Months Earlier ¹	1 Year Earlier		
Brazil	May 78	Exports	84.8	-3.7	4,743	
	May 78	Imports	26.6	1.4	5,110	
	May 78	Balance			-367	
India	Feb 78	Exports	4.0	12.3	912	
	Feb 78	Imports	-39.6	-0.2	845	
	Feb 78	Balance			67	
Iran	Apr 78	Exports	-34.0	-8.2	7,615	
	Mar 78	Imports	105.8	14.2	3,694	
	Mar 78	Balance			1,991	
South Korea	May 78	Exports	14.2	29.3	4,651	
	May 78	Imports	64.3	25.1	4,994	
	May 78	Balance			-343	
Mexico	Apr 78	Exports	-21.1	-3.1	1,576	
	Apr 78	Imports	-47.9	16.2	1,809	
	Apr 78	Balance			-233	
Nigeria	Apr 78	Exports	-55.4	-29.9	1,143	
	Aug 77	Imports	56.1	80.1	2,535	
	Aug 77	Balance			716	
Taiwan	Apr 78	Exports	-27.6	32.3	3,365	
	Apr 78	Imports	-14.5	20.4	2,869	
	Apr 78	Balance			496	
Thailand	Apr 78	Exports	27.0	3.2	1,277	
	Apr 78	Imports	-6.5	14.3	1,449	
	Apr 78	Balance			-172	
					-30	
					-141	

¹ At annual rates.

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES MONTHLY AVERAGE CASH PRICE

WHEAT
\$ PER BUSHEL

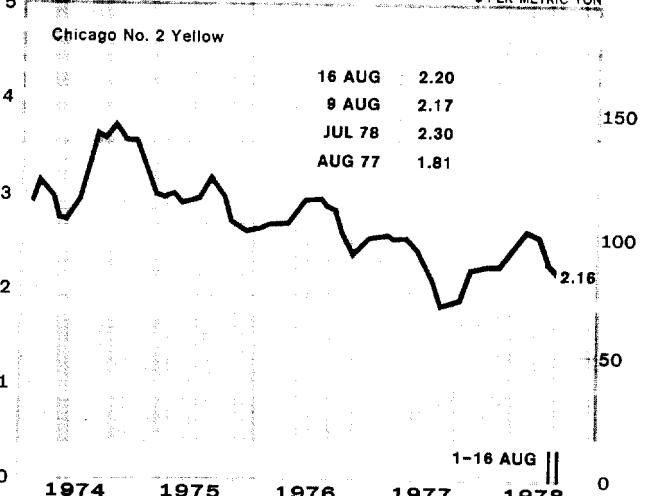
Kansas City No. 2 Hard Winter



CORN

\$ PER BUSHEL

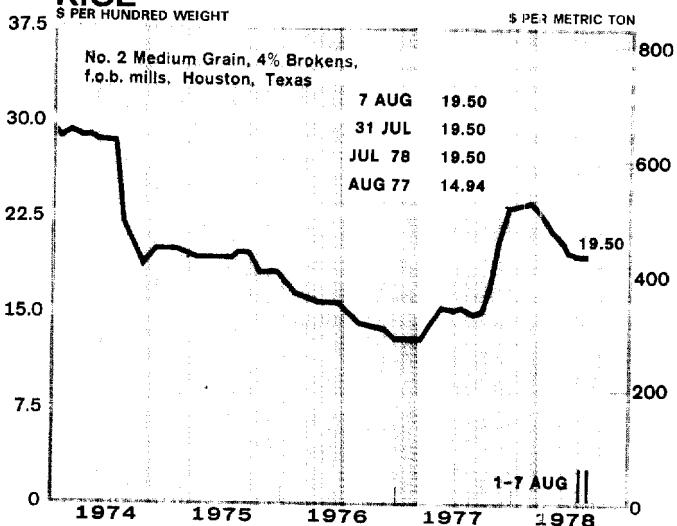
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RICE

\$ PER HUNDRED WEIGHT

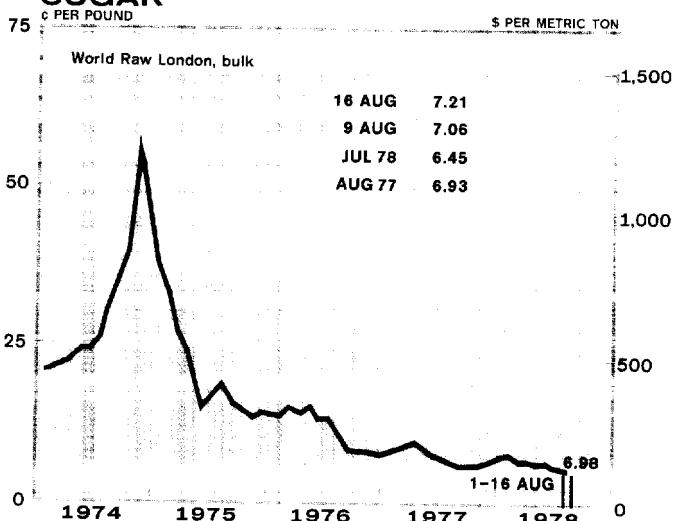
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SUGAR

\$ PER POUND

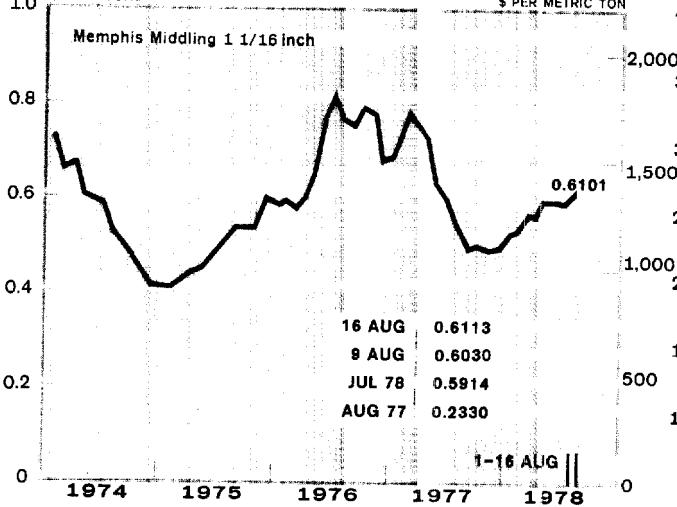
World Raw London, bulk



COTTON

\$ PER POUND

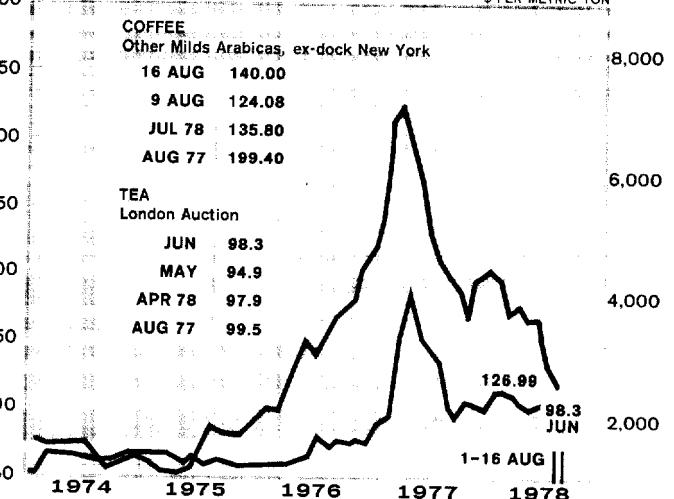
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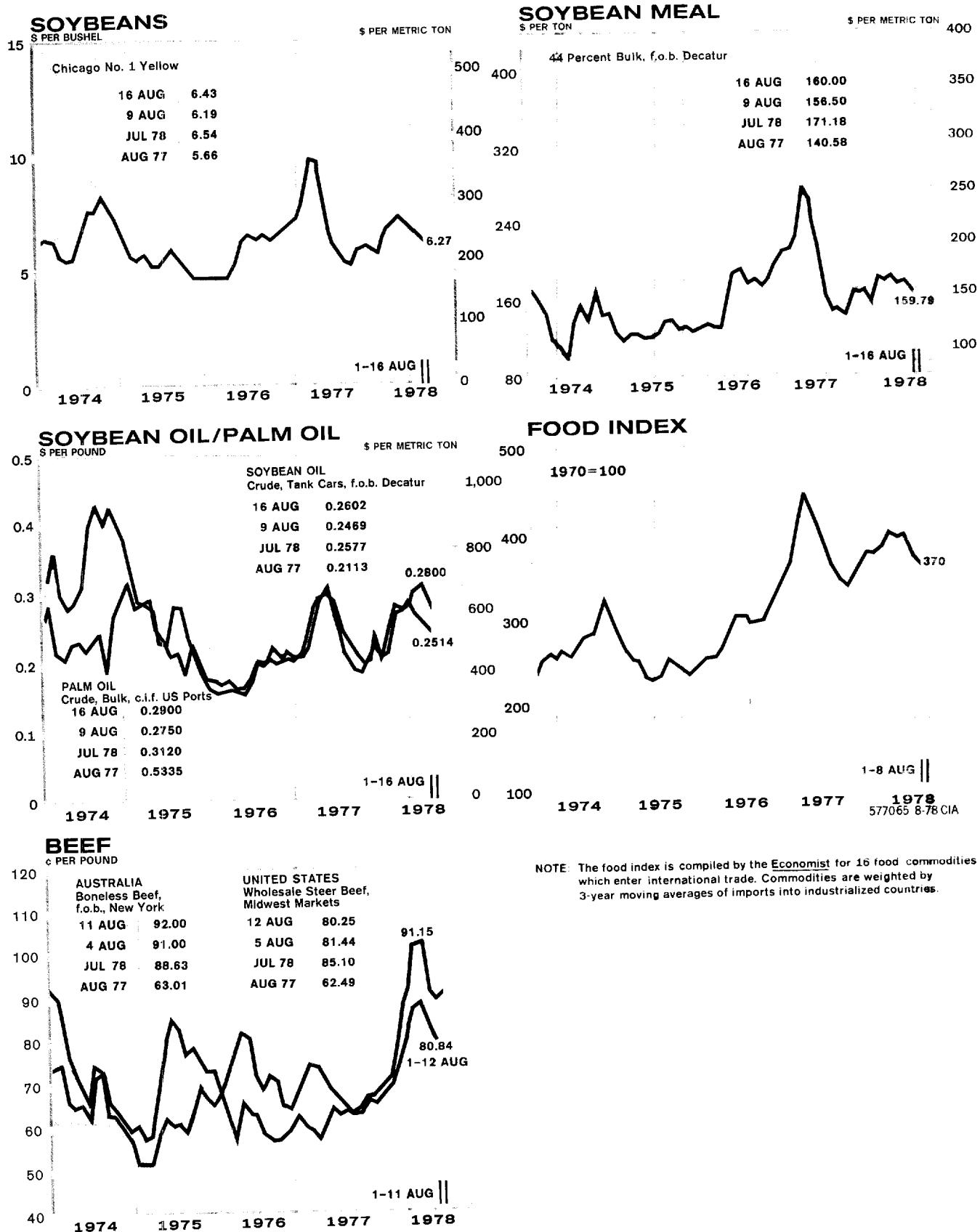


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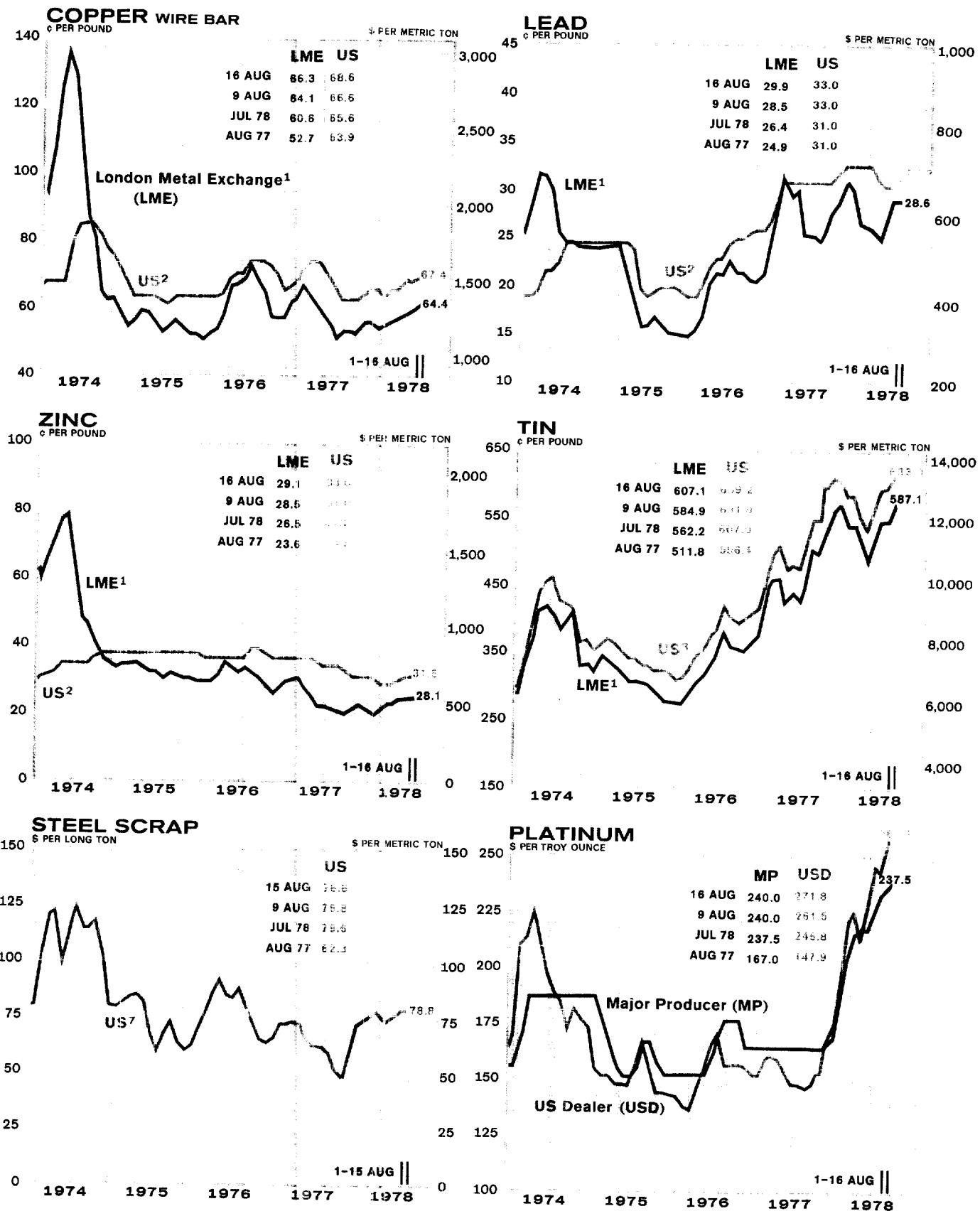
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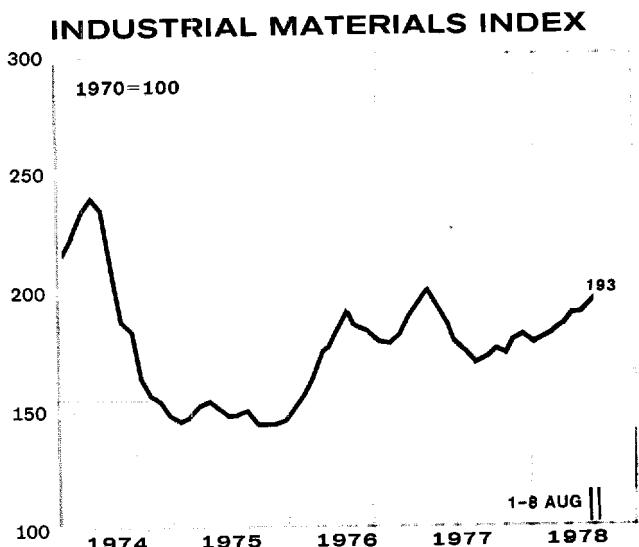
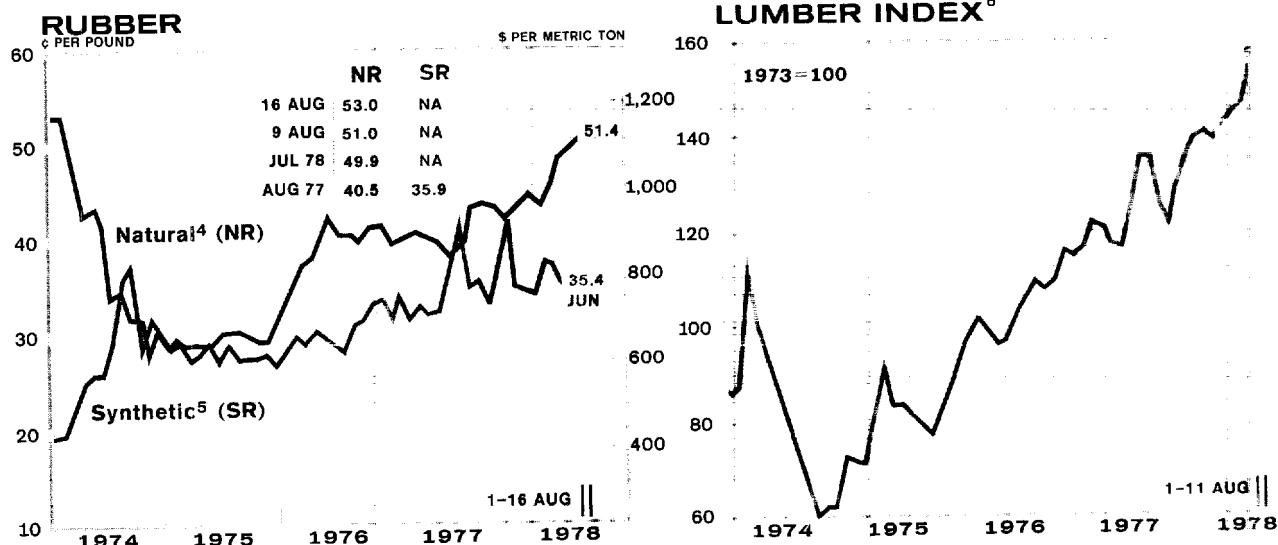


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INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES MONTHLY AVERAGE CASH PRICE



SELECTED MATERIALS

			CURRENT	FEB 78	AUG 77	AUG 76
ALUMINUM	Major US Producer	¢ per pound	52.50	53.00	53.00	47.09
US STEEL	Composite	\$ per long ton	419.31	387.54	357.08	327.00
IRON ORE	Non-Bessemer Old Range	\$ per long ton	21.43	21.43	21.43	20.05
CHROME ORE	Russian, Metallurgical Grade	\$ per metric ton	NA	NA	150.00	150.00
CHROME ORE	S. Africa, Chemical Grade	\$ per long ton	56.00	56.00	58.50	42.00
FERROCHROME	US Producer, 66-70 Percent	¢ per pound	42.00	41.00	42.39	44.55
NICKEL	Composite US Producer	¢ per pound	2.07	2.06	2.41	2.20
MANGANESE ORE	48 Percent Mn	\$ per long ton	67.20	72.24	72.00	72.00
TUNGSTEN ORE	Contained Metal	\$ per metric ton	17,182.00	19,048.00	21,111.00	5,325.00
MERCURY	New York	\$ per 76 pound flask	163.00	162.32	116.30	110.00
SILVER	LME Cash	¢ per troy ounce	558.90	496.44	447.09	425.81
GOLD	London Afternoon Fixing Price	\$ per troy ounce	207.32	178.16	144.95	109.65



¹Approximates world market price frequently used by major world producers and traders, although only small quantities of these metals are actually traded on the LME.

²Producers' price, covers most primary metals sold in the U.S.

³As of 1 Dec 75, US tin price quoted is "Tin NY lb composite."

⁴Quoted on New York market.

⁵S-type styrene, US export price.

⁶This index is compiled by using the average of 13 types of lumber whose prices are regarded as bellwethers of US lumber construction costs.

⁷Composite price for Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

NOTE: The industrial materials index is compiled by the Economist for 19 raw materials which enter international trade. Commodities are weighted by 3-year moving averages of imports into industrialized countries.

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